

## LEXINGTON WHEATFIELD

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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.

Finland is reveling in the novelty of freedom.

King Alfonso, of Spain, will engage in breeding fine cattle.

Socialists in Austria made substantial gains on a re-ballot.

Stolypin gives warning to douma and condemns the more to expropriate land.

Four jurors have been secured for the trial of Mayor Schmitz and another venire is ordered.

Inspector McLoughlin, of the Chicago police force, has resigned to get away from investigations.

Judge Gaynor of the Supreme Court, of New York, says the railroads have not reformed in the least.

Oklahoma republicans denounce the work of their constitution makers and want the election postponed.

At Guaymas, Mexico, 1,200 Chinese tried to land forcibly from a British steamer in defiance of quarantine law.

Coos Bay people have begun 110 individual suits against the Southern Pacific to compel the road to sell land in obedience to its government grants.

A Chicago grand jury is investigating charges that doctors and midwives regularly paid the authorities for immunity in performing criminal operations.

The public utilities committee of San Francisco supervisors is considering a resolution ordering the United Railways to operate their lines or forfeit their franchise.

Secretary Garfield will visit the Teton irrigation project.

School directors of Chicago refuse to be fired by Mayor Busse.

Fire at Trinity college, Hartford, did damage to the amount of \$15,000.

Denver millmen and woodworkers received an advance of 10 per cent in wages.

Councilmen of Lockport, N. Y., are charged with huge boodling operations. One has confessed.

President Corey, the deposed president of the United States Steel Corporation, has sold all his stock.

Political bosses of New York have surrendered completely and Governor Hughes' word goes without question.

The North American Baptist convention at Jamestown is opposed to a union with the Southern and National conventions.

A Colorado court has recognized the legality of a contract marriage by granting a divorce in the case. The contract was made in California in 1893.

The Chicago City Railway Company has refused the demands of its employes for better hours, but concedes the advance in wages asked for.

Desperadoes loosened a rail on the Southern Pacific near Los Angeles, attached a wire, and when the Coast Line Limited train approached they deliberately pulled the rail aside, causing a bad wreck in which two men were killed and a dozen injured. The wreckers were concealed in the brush and made their escape.

Ireland has rejected parliament's offer of a limited council.

Five workmen were accidentally killed in a Pittsburg steel furnace.

There are now four candidates for the presidential nomination—Taft, Fairbanks, Knox and Cannon.

San Francisco builders are hampered by constantly rising wages and banks are restricting credit.

Pat Crowe has been acquitted of robbing street cars in Council Bluffs, Ia., two years ago. The victims said he was not the man.

Mayor Busse of Chicago has transferred the entire police force of the lower districts in an effort to enforce existing laws.

The Boise court has gone on a fishing trip while the sheriff summons a new venire of 60 men for jury duty in the Haywood case.

John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has been indicted on seven charges of forgery and three of perjury.

Mayor Schmitz is at liberty under bail bonds aggregating \$50,000.

A Georgia passenger train was wrecked and 26 persons badly injured.

Seventeen bodies of Shriners killed in the California wreck were buried at Reading, Penn., their home.

## TIMBER FRAUDS IN MANY STATES

Two Senators Implicated in Biggest Land Conspiracy Yet.

Chicago, May 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says:

"Amazing revelations of a conspiracy to defraud the United States of millions of dollars worth of mineral and timber lands will be laid before the grand juries of half a dozen states within a few days. The frauds, it is alleged, will involve in criminal charges the names of men high in business and political circles. They include:

"One United States Senator, one ex-United States Senator, a man reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the world; a railroad man known from the Atlantic to the Pacific; two of the wealthiest lumber barons in the United States; numerous smaller fry, including railroad officials, coal operators, and men at the head of fuel companies.

These men, whose names cannot be made public before the grand jury acts, it is declared here, will surely be indicted by the evidence which is now in the hands of the United States District Attorneys in half a dozen Western states.

These frauds, it was declared yesterday in an official quarter, extend into a number of states, including California, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Much of the evidence in these frauds was obtained by Detective Burns, who is engaged in the municipal graft prosecution in San Francisco, and by Francis J. Heney, who is prosecuting the same San Francisco grafters. Upon the conclusion of their work in San Francisco, Mr. Heney and Mr. Burns are expected to return to the government service for the prosecution of the timber and mineral land thieves. Some of the grafters in San Francisco are also said to be implicated in the frauds.

## FIVE WORKMEN KILLED.

Bursting Ammonia Pipe Fills Packing Plant With Deadly Fumes.

Chicago, May 24.—Five workmen were killed and several others seriously injured this afternoon when an ammonia pipe exploded in the beef-killing department of Armour & Co.'s plant at the stockyards. The building was full of workmen at the time, and the deadly fumes, escaping from under high pressure, penetrated through every department of the building in such a short time that 20 of the men were overcome before they could make their escape to the fresh air. All but five of these men were dragged from the place by their companions in such a serious condition that it was necessary to take them to a nearby hospital.

An ineffectual effort to search for dead in the interior of the building was made by employes wearing safety masks, but they were driven back by the fumes, and it was not until six hours after the explosion that the first body, that of an unidentified man, burned beyond recognition, was taken from the fourth floor. A few minutes later four other bodies were found, all of them having been burned in a horrible manner.

## MRS. MCKINLEY NEAR DEATH.

May Lids a Day or Two., but Cannot Recover.

Canton, Ohio, May 24.—After a consultation yesterday afternoon at the McKinley home with Dr. Portman, the family physician of Mrs. McKinley, and Dr. E. J. Eyman, superintendent of the Massillon State Hospital and a physician of wide repute, a statement was issued that there is no indication that Mrs. McKinley could long survive the attack of apoplexy from which she is suffering. The doctors say, however, that they think dissolution will not come for a day or two. Mrs. McKinley is in a comatose condition, and it is stated that there are no grounds for hope of a better turn.

Surgeon-General Rixey reached here at 6:45 o'clock this morning.

## Strikers Are Active.

San Francisco, May 24.—In consequence of increased violence attending the extension of service by the United Railroads to several new lines yesterday, Thornwell Mullally, assistant to President Calhoun, made a demand upon Chief of Police Dinan for better protection by the police for the company's property and employes. Shortly after 5 o'clock about 200 strike sympathizers mobbed an Eighth-street car at Eighth and Bryant streets. The strikebreaking crew operating the car, were badly beaten.

## Spain and England Getting Thicker.

London, May 24.—The Madrid correspondent of the Telegraph says that the relations between the Spanish and British royal families are becoming closer daily. Members of the British Royal family propose henceforth to spend much of their holiday time in Spain.

## BIG CHIEFS INDICTED

President of United Railroads In Grand Jury Net.

## MONEY TRACED DOWN THE LINE

Huge Sums Required for Bail—Many More Indictments in Reserve to Avoid Defaults.

San Francisco, May 25.—"The people of San Francisco want acts, not words. I will only say that we will make good wherever we accuse" was the brief comment of William J. Burns last night, and it was the only statement made for publication by the prosecution after it had accomplished what half of the citizenship of San Francisco declared to be impossible—the indictment of one of the most powerful magnates known to Wall street in the person of Patrick Calhoun.

The prosecution has traced the \$200,000 with which the United Railroads secured its franchise from Wall street to the San Francisco Mint immediately after the big fire in April, 1906, when the Mint was used for banking purposes. There the money remained for a few days, when it was drawn out piecemeal in lots of \$50,000, converted into currency and paid over to Ruef and by him passed on to the Mayor and the Supervisors. The evidence is strengthened by bits of conversation, records of conferences at the office of Toney L. Ford, attorney for the United Railroads. The fact that the Mayor received \$50,000 for signing the ordinance granting the overhead-trolley permit was learned through the testimony of Ruef.

Fourteen indictments were returned charging Calhoun, Mullally, Ford, Abbott, Schmitz and Ruef jointly with the bribery of the Supervisors. Seventeen Supervisors were bribed, so it may therefore be seen that three of the indictments were held in reserve. This is the Heney method. The 14 indictments will act as a sort of advance guard to draw the fire of the defense.

If the defense succeeds in shooting any holes in them, the three in reserve will be altered to make them impregnable, taking advantage of the facts brought out.

Judge Coffey announced, after running his eye over the indictments that he would fix bail in the sum of \$10,000 on each of the 89 counts. He gave the accused until 11 o'clock today to furnish bonds and remarked that he would accept in lieu thereof cash bail of \$5000 on each count. Assurance was given that pending the arrangement of bail no arrests will be made by the prosecution, so the nine men accused of the giving or taking of bribes are at liberty on their own recognizance until 11 o'clock today.

The statement was made unofficially that all but \$140,000 of the entire amount of the bonds of \$890,000 will be forthcoming at the appointed hour today.

Schmitz, in addition to \$50,000 security he has already given to secure his liberty pending the trial of the five counts of extortion brought against him and Ruef jointly, will have to put up \$160,000 in bonds. Ruef will have to put up \$140,000, but, inasmuch as he now is and for more than two months has been a prisoner without any immediate hope of release, it is understood that he will make no attempt to give bail. It is said, indeed, that under the circumstances and in view of the fact that he turned state's evidence, he prefers to remain the prisoner of Elisor Biggy.

President Glass, of the Telephone Company, already has given bonds in the sum of \$90,000. He will have to put up \$20,000 more to retain his liberty.

Halsey has put up \$110,000 in bonds, covering the 11 indictments previously found against him. He will have to put up \$10,000 addition today.

When Foreman Oliver, of the grand jury, filed the 19 indictments in court, he stated that these were "only a partial report from the grand jury." This is taken to mean that more indictments are to follow.

## Huge Railroad Bridge.

New York, May 25.—Another step in the progress of the Pennsylvania Railroad's New York extension was taken this week when plans for the East River bridge of the New York Connecting Railroad were submitted to the Municipal Art Association. This bridge will form part of a steel viaduct connecting the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway with the Long Island and the Pennsylvania. It will be the longest and heaviest steel bridge in the world.

## Roosevelt Will Attend Regatta.

New York, May 25.—President Roosevelt expects to be at the Inter-collegiate regatta this year on Hudson River, June 28. The presence of the Annapolis crew in the race is what interests him.

## PERISH IN SIGHT OF RESCUE.

Four Men Meet Awful Death on Burning Lake Steamer

Grand Haven, Mich., May 22.—Five lives were lost and 75 people had a perilous escape from death when the steamer Naomi, of the Crosby Transportation Company, burned early today in the middle of Lake Michigan, while on her night trip from here to Milwaukee. Four of the victims were coal passers, penned down in the forecastle by the flames, where many of the rescued passengers from the decks of the freighter Kerr and the steamer Kansas saw them at the portholes, vainly imploring for help.

J. M. Rhodes, a passenger from Detroit, was the fifth victim. He was terribly burned in his berth and died soon after reaching the hospital at Grand Rapids.

Fifty passengers and all of the crew except four coal passers were taken off in small boats by the steamer Stratford and the Kansas, which was en route from Milwaukee to Grand Haven. The loss to the Naomi, which was in command of Captain Trull, is estimated at \$225,000. The fire started in the vicinity of the kitchen, between decks, and spread so rapidly that the whole ship was a seething furnace before the crew could get the fire apparatus working. Fire swept the whole length of the ship and the upper works burned like tinder. It is considered miraculous that the passengers all but one escaped. Many of them were taken off in their night clothes, while scarcely any one was more than partly clad.

Captain Thomas Trull was the last man to leave the steamer alive, and his clothing was almost burned off him.

Sol Waterman, of New York, said: "Never will I forget the picture of those poor fellows in the forecastle who were burned. The ship was a mass of flames. Suddenly the four men who had been asleep in the forecastle thrust their heads from the portholes and called for help. The captain of the freight steamer ordered a lifeboat to go to their aid. The boat went, but the men were unable to squeeze their bodies through the portholes. We could hear them calling pitifully for help and see them through the flames, but the lifeboat crew came back and reported it could not reach them. The captain ordered the boat to return and get the names of the men. Then we could hear the questions and answers as the men told their names and residences. Finally one man called out, 'Good bye; I'm gone,' and fell back into the flames."

## KUROKI HEARS YALE YELL.

Japanese General Sees Where Many of His Soldiers Studied.

New Haven, Conn., May 22.—The visit to Yale University of General Kuroki today was brought about by the desire of the distinguished soldier to see the institution in which many Japanese officers received a portion of their education. Many of these officers served with distinction at Port Arthur and the battles on Manchurian soil. General Kuroki's party included General O. W. Wood, United States Army, retired, and Major Lynch, of the general staff.

The party visited various departments of the college and at Woodbridge Hall was received by President Hadley. Luncheon was served at the graduate schools. There were present Secretary of State Root, Governor Woodruff, President Mellen, of the New Haven Railroad, and a number of professors and faculty men. The party then visited University Hall, where Yale men numbering 1,000 arose and gave the long Yale cheer.

## COMING TO THE COAST.

President Earling Says St. Paul Road Will be Finished by January.

Miles City, Mont., May 22.—President Earling of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, arrived in Miles City today with a party of St. Paul officials on a trip of inspection of the roadbed of the western extension of the road. The magnates are making the journey in automobiles and carriages.

President Earling in answer to questions stated there is no intention of abandoning the work of pushing the Milwaukee through to the Coast. Steel laying commence at a number of points at an early date and trains will be running between Butte and Aberdeen by January 1 next.

## Price of Silk Rising.

New York, May 22.—According to the annual report of the Silk Association of America, just issued, the consumption of raw silk by Europe and the United States aggregates 40,000,000 pounds annually, of which the United States consumes 15,000,000 pounds. Franklin Allen, the secretary, reviews the silk trade for last year and asserts that present conditions were never more favorable. There is one disturbing feature, however, and that is the high price of raw silk.

## No More Red Flags

Chicago, May 22.—Chief of Police Shippy yesterday announced that no more parades in which red flags or banners are displayed will be permitted in Chicago. The Chief's attitude is due to the abundant show of red color in the Moyer-Haywood "sympathy parade" last Sunday.

## STANDS BY HENEY

Roosevelt Declines to Interfere in San Francisco Muss.

## CALHOUN HAS LAID DEEP PLOT

Confers With Associates on Question of Uniting to Get Full Control of City Government.

San Francisco, May 23.—Reports are current that President Calhoun of the United Railways has engaged in a deep-laid plot to defeat Francis J. Heney, seize the reins of the municipal government under the guise of a law and order movement, and go any length in order both to save himself from conviction and imprisonment under the charges brought by the graft prosecution, and to the advantage of himself in his fight with the carmen.

Calhoun has been working for several days in a desperate effort to consolidate in aid of this movement all the more important financial interests affected by the graft disclosures. Men high in financial circles were seen going in and out of his office throughout the day and it is alleged that other conferences were held in the business center of the city. It is stated that, foiled in their attempt to get into touch with the prosecution, through intervention of the Committee of Seven, Calhoun and his associates, some of whom know they are fighting to save themselves from San Quentin, have planned a new stroke by which they hope to place themselves in control of affairs to such a degree that they will be able to block the efforts of Spreckels, Burns and Heney.

Their scheme as outlined in these reports, is to form a new committee as a successor to the one which has just resigned under fire, which will be prepared to resort to extreme measures. Grasping the opportunity of the carmen's strike and the riots and disturbances in the streets of the city, the reported plan is for a mass meeting to be called under the pretext of a law and order measure. From this meeting those who have been active in the graft prosecution will be excluded on the ground that they have already refused to have anything to do with a committee which had been appointed to straighten out the tangle of municipal government.

At this meeting a committee on law and order will be appointed, which will go first to Chief of Police Dinan and request his resignation in the name of the citizens of San Francisco. If Dinan refuses to turn over the control of the police department to them the members of this committee will, it is claimed, immediately declare that the conditions in the city are so serious that the only solution is a vigilance committee and, acting as such, they will assume control of the city. A part of the plan is alleged to be an attempt to persuade the governor to act in concert with this vigilance committee, using the carmen's strike as an argument to induce the governor to issue a call for troops, and possibly to bring about the intervention of federal authorities.

## WANT TO BE AMERICANS.

Japanese File First Citizenship Papers at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, May 23.—Joseph Felsuo Wada and Mani Suski, Japanese photographers and residents of this city for eight years past, today filed declarations of intention to become American citizens. These were the first applications of that kind ever accepted in this county. Since the decision of the District Attorney that under the existing laws of the United States there is nothing to bar the naturalization of Japanese as citizens, the County Clerk has decided to accept applications against which no specific objection is made.

All applications so made will be held pending a decision of the Federal authorities at Washington, which is expected to arrive at any time.

## Tacoma Atter Standard Oil.

Tacoma, May 23.—The city council will throw a gaff into the Standard Oil Company by endeavoring to pass an ordinance requiring the company to sink its big tanks into the ground. This would be a very costly proceeding and the company is preparing to fight the ordinance to the last ditch. The trouble came about through the company's building its plant too near the Carsten packing house on the tide flats, violating an ordinance that the plant should not be within 500 feet of any inflammable building.

## Linemen of Four State Strike.

Helena, Mont., May 23.—All of the linemen of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company in this state went on strike today, demanding an increase in wages of 60 cents a day. About 150 men are affected. The linemen state the strike is general also over Utah, Wyoming and Idaho.