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LEXINGTON OREGON

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 shah of Persia is without funds or power.

Chicago's population is now estimated at 2,367,000.

Folk and Johnson are being boomed by Western Democrats for the presidency.

The Pennsylvania legislative committee recommends criminal prosecution of the capitol grafters.

President Earling, of the Milwaukee railroad, says his company will not establish a steamer line to the Orient.

Hill has received 5,000 letters from Northwest lumbermen urging him not to change the present Great Northern lumber rate.

Two lives were lost, five persons injured and \$750,000 worth of property destroyed in a fire which swept the beach resort at Old Orchard, Maine.

Dispatches from Peking forecast a gloomy future for China, owing to the unsettled state of politics. A master mind is needed to prevent the disintegration of the empire.

A Nevada inventor claims to have a machine to send telegraph messages without the use of an expert operator. A specially equipped typewriter is used and the message is received at the other end by another typewriter.

Much uneasiness is felt for Europeans in Morocco.

Haywood was given a rousing reception in Chicago.

Both telegraph and telephone wires are tied up in Montana.

The widow of Stanford White is to marry her late husband's partner.

Montana has increased the taxable value of the railroads, which now totals \$43,000,000.

The continued tie-up of telegraph lines may result in government control if not ownership.

A freight train hit a Coney island trolley car and three persons were killed and 16 injured.

Geologists are searching the volcanic fields of Alaska for diamonds. Indians are from time to time found with these precious stones.

Shanghai dispatches say the dowager empress of China has determined to abdicate at the next Chinese New Year and hand over authority to the emperor.

Old and trusted officials of the S. P. are resigning to go to other roads.

Attorney general of Nebraska is going after the lumber trust of that state.

Both sides agree that the telegraphers' strike will be a fight to a finish.

A Jap spy was arrested while sketching the fort at Olongapo, Philippines.

All striking operators are immediately discharged and told to call for their pay.

Richard Mansfield, the noted actor, is closely attended by a specialist on nervous diseases. He is apparently not improving.

District Attorney Jerome has secured confessions from members of the New York Black Hand society which will suffice to break up the organization.

National Secretary Quick, of the Railway Telegraphers, says there is no truth in the report that his men would refuse to handle commercial messages.

Secretary Taft will visit Yellowstone Park September 1 to 3, and then proceed to Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, and will sail thence for the Philippines.

Germany is equipping a complete balloon corps for her regular army.

The French minister of war was insulted and then assaulted by an insane workman.

Steamers of rival companies are racing from Seattle to Alaska to get \$25,000 worth of business.

Sacramento is being completely covered with electric lights and displays for the irrigation congress.

A member of the New York Black Hand society has given the police all the details of his initiation.

One of the Korean delegates to The Hague has been sentenced to death and the other two to life imprisonment.

It is reported that there will be strong opposition in congress to the sending of a fleet of warships to the Pacific.

Boilermakers on the Southern Pacific lines are on strike.

STRIKE OVER, SAYS CLOWRY

Telegraph Operators in New York Going Back to Keys.

New York, Aug. 16.—General officers of the two telegraph companies said last night that business was moving to all parts of the country and that no difficulty is experienced in handling everything offered. President Clowry, of the Western Union, said:

"The strike is over. We are receiving applications from strikers today, but we are filled up and cannot place them."

The Associated Press service is moving under steadily improving conditions. Officers of the union still express confidence and deny that any union operators have applied for re-employment.

Trade Wires Are Reopened.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—The telegraph companies reopened their offices at the board of trade with comparatively few operators. It is predicted that the strike of brokers' operators will not materialize. Both the employers and strikers declare they will not arbitrate anything.

General Strike Called.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—S. J. Small, president of the Commercial Telegraphers union, at 1:30 this morning issued a general order to commercial operators to cease work immediately except where contracts with the union have been signed.

BOTH SIDES FIRM.

Working Forces Unchanged at Portland Offices.

Portland, Aug. 16.—With both the strikers and the telegraph companies claiming the victory in the local strike, conditions in Portland are much the same as they were yesterday morning. Today is expected to mark the crisis of the trouble and each side announces its confidence in the outcome.

Managers of the telegraph companies say they have the situation well in hand and that the strikers have lost. On the other hand the striking operators say they have the local companies tied up and the ranks are standing firm. They say the telegraph companies are using the mails to dispatch their messages and that unless the operators are taken back at their own terms the present serious tie-up of all lines of business will continue indefinitely.

A feature of the situation yesterday was an appeal to the police by Manager Dumars, of the Western Union, for protection to messengers hired as strike-breakers. He asserts that striking union messenger boys interfere seriously with those hired to deliver telegrams.

Strikebreakers are being quartered in the Western Union office, cots having been placed there, and after their trick at the keys is finished they sleep there, ready to begin work again as soon as they awake. The strikebreakers are said to be well cared for and Manager Dumars says he is feeding them porterhouse steaks. Their meals are brought in to them.

HARD WORDS FROM CARTER.

Intimates Hawaiian Federal Building Site Was Tampered With.

Honolulu, Aug. 16.—As soon as Governor Carter returned from his recent trip to Washington he dictated a statement for the local papers in regard to the matter of a site for the Federal building, in which he said: "I consider that bad faith has been shown me, officially and privately, by my own representatives of the Mahuka site owners."

The Mahuka site is the one selected by the representative of the Treasury department sent out here for that purpose. The governor, while in Washington, tried to secure the selection of the Irwin site. After reciting his efforts in Washington in the matter, Governor Carter said:

"After all this I find that the offer to withdraw the Mahuka site, made to me in good faith personally and officially by correspondence, has not been carried out, and I do not see how the officials in Washington can 'square' with me in any other way than by accepting the Irwin site. I did not force myself into this matter and only undertook it upon their request."

Alarm at Casa Blanca.

Tangier, Aug. 16.—There is still much uneasiness here in the matter of the position of the Europeans in Morocco. No confirmation of the report that Caid Sir Henry MacLean has been released can be obtained. A courier and servant from MacLean have just arrived here and say that it is believed that news of the bombardment of Casa Blanca has made a very bad impression on the tribesmen and caused the suspension of the negotiations for MacLean's release. The tribesmen are furious against all Christians.

Chinese Dowager Will Abdicate.

London, Aug. 16.—Dispatches from Shanghai state that the dowager empress has announced her determination to abdicate at the next Chinese New Year and hand over authority to the emperor. Since 1898, when the dowager took control from the emperor, she has vigorously kept him in subjection.

MAY YET ARBITRATE

President Gompers Makes Offer for Striking Telegraphers.

FEW MORE LEAVE THEIR KEYS

Official General Order by President Small Makes no Material Difference in Situation.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Despite the issuance of the general strike order by President Small the situation in this city was not materially changed yesterday. All of the men who were disposed to strike were already out. It was believed by the officials of the union that the order would paralyze a number of brokerage and commission houses, but no additional strikes were reported. Both the Postal and Western Union increased forces on the board. They both reported the situation as steadily improving and occasional applications from the strikers for their old positions.

The improvement in the Associated Press service was marked. A number of towns on the West, North and South circuits received a full report yesterday, and the volume of news handled was much greater than at any time since the walkout on Monday night.

The officials of the Telegraphers' union late yesterday changed front on the proposition to arbitrate and announced that they would accept the offices of the general board of arbitrators of the American Federation of Labor in settling their differences with the companies. This board consists of John Mitchell, of the Mine Workers; Daniel J. Keefe, of the Longshoremen, and President Samuel Gompers. Gompers made the above announcement.

Seattle Wires Cleared.

Seattle, Aug. 17.—Superintendent R. T. Reid, of the Western Union, tonight went to Bellingham to appoint Edward Parland, of Dallas, Tex., manager of the Bellingham office, to succeed Manager Tucker, who went out with the strikers.

The Postal company says business has fallen off more than 50 per cent, but that with seven day operators in the place of 12, they are handling all the business accepted. Both offices say less than half the usual volume of business is now offered, but both companies claim to be keeping up fairly well, especially to Pacific coast points.

Superintendent Reid, of the Western Union, says trouble on the coast lines is in Cow Creek canyon, Oregon, where railroad operators open the circuits. Reid has Pinkertons out patrolling all railroad lines in special engines to locate breaks in the Northwest. He said tonight he would prosecute railroad operators who prevent reopening of lines by grounding the wires.

BOTH SIDES FIRM.

Strikers and Companies in Fight to Finish at Portland.

Portland, Aug. 17.—Locally, the striking telegraphers and the telegraph companies are organizing their forces for a finish fight. There were two defections from the union yesterday.

Otherwise the situation in Portland remains unchanged, and the sending and receiving of telegrams continues seriously interrupted. The issuance of a general strike order by National President Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, has served only to magnify the seriousness of the situation outside of Portland, since operators who had before hesitated to join the ranks of their striking associates cheerfully left the keys yesterday. The result was to more completely paralyze the telegraphic business of the country.

It was expected that a crisis might be reached yesterday, but the possibility of a settlement seems even farther removed. No sooner had the order for a general strike been issued by President Small than the Western Union officials issued instructions to all local managers to refuse to reinstate any more of the striking telegraphers.

Adams Chooses Darrow.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 17.—According to reports from Wallace, Steve Adams has chosen Clarence Darrow in preference to Richardson to defend him when his trial comes up at Wallace shortly upon the charge of murdering Fred Tyler, a settler in the St. Joe district of Idaho. Fred Miller, one of the attorneys in the Haywood case, has been at Wallace, his object being to consult with Adams about his forthcoming trial. It is said that Adams readily selected Darrow in preference to Richardson.

Man Missing, So is \$13,000.

Omaha, Aug. 17.—Theodore Olsen, ex-Danish vice consul here, and once city comptroller of Omaha, is missing. It is alleged his accounts with the Danish government are short \$13,000, on account of estates he handled as trustee for the government of Denmark.

LUMBERMEN HIT AGAIN.

Increase in Loading Requirements Are Almost Prohibitory.

Seattle, Aug. 14.—Lumbermen were notified that the Central Freight Association, controlling traffic of Chicago, has advanced the minimum loading requirements on lumber and shingles from 4,000 to 6,000 a car, the advance depending upon the car lengths. No consideration is given to the fact that cars are loaded now to their full visible capacity.

The effect is a sharp advance in rates and will drive Pacific Coast lumber and shingles out of the territory east of Chicago unless they are handled by the Isthmian route or around the Horn.

Several months ago certain Eastern lines attempted to advance rates 2 to 5 cents a hundred pounds, but the advance was withdrawn. A later order was even more drastic. Lumber and shingle associations on the entire coast are preparing to fight the proposed increase in rates from Pacific Coast points, and steps were taken to make a fight against the new minimum loading rules, coincident with the struggle against the Western lines.

Aside from the California Redwood Association, which is not yet pledged to raise a defense fund the lumbermen of the coast have in sight a \$250,000 defense fund, sufficient to take up the contest against the new loading rules, as well as the rate contest. The claim is made by lumbermen that shipments are made by joint rate and that the Central Bureau cannot apply the new loading rules at Chicago.

CALL ALL MEN OUT.

Every Union Operator in the Country Will be Ordered to Quit.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Executive board Telegraphers' Union expected to call out all operators today.

Associated Press wires are working out of New York and Chicago, but communication to Pacific Coast is obtained only at brief intervals.

Telegraph companies and strikers both optimistic as to results.

Commissioner Nellie expected to confer with executive officers of union today regarding proposals for settlement.

Secretary Quick, of Railway Telegraphers, issues important order to operators.

Wesley Russell, secretary of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, said:

"All members of the executive board have arrived here with the exception of President Small who wired his sanction to any step we might take in the direction of calling a general strike. The executive board is considering the question. In my opinion, by night the 25,000 operators in the United States and Canada who belong to the union will be called out."

Union men are assuring the strikers who crowd headquarters that if they remain out the companies will be forced to meet their demands.

OIL CHEAPER IN EUROPE.

Monopoly Makes Home Consumers Pay More Than Foreign.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Further startling disclosures of the manipulation and control of the petroleum industry by the Standard Oil monopoly are made in the report of Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations. Discriminations in prices are exposed in the report which charges that in the business of selling petroleum products in foreign countries the price policy of the Standard Oil Company has been to sacrifice the interests of the American consumer for the purpose of securing the Standard's foreign business.

The figures show a very remarkable excess in the American price above the foreign prices, particularly during the latter half of 1904 and the first half of 1905. During the latter half of 1904 the price averaged for the United States 10.3 cents as contrasted with 6.92 cents in Germany, 6.42 cents in the United Kingdom and 6.49 cents in Denmark. The excess of the domestic price, after allowing 1 cent for difference in quality, ranged at that time from 2.38 cents to 2.88 cents. During the first half of 1905 the extraordinary decline in the prices in the United Kingdom increased the effective margin between the domestic price and the price in that country to 3.17 cents.

Across Africa in Auto.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—Dispatches from Dar Es Salaam, German East Africa, state that Lieutenant Graetz, of the Prussian army, started from there Saturday on an attempt to cross Africa in an automobile. He purposes to ride through German East Africa, British Central Africa, Rhodesia and German Southwest Africa, to Swakophamund, occupying about six weeks on the journey, if all goes well. He has a specially built 45-horse-power car, with immensely heavy wheels, four feet in diameter, with massive tires.

More Troops for Casa Blanca.

Tangier, Aug. 14.—Additional troops arrived at Casa Blanca today. Three hundred Spanish troops sailed from Cadiz to Casa Blanca. The Spanish cruiser, Rio de la Plata, has reached Casa Blanca, where sanitary conditions have been greatly improved.

LAND FRAUD TRIAL

Millionaire Perrin Makes Most Emphatic Denial.

SAYS CHARGE IS ENTIRELY FALSE

Testimony of Star Witness Stricken Out—Accused Expresses Great Hatred for Witness.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—The government yesterday in the United States Circuit Court closed its case against Millionaire John E. Benson and Dr. D. Perrin, charged with conspiracy to obtain 12,000 acres of land in Tehama county by fraud.

The greater part of the morning session was consumed in arguments over the admissibility of the testimony of Wilford B. Harlan, formerly clerk of the General Land Office at Washington, who in answering questions by counsel for the government, confessed that he accepted \$200 from Benson as a bribe to keep him informed in advance of the prospective opening of the Plumas and other forest reserves, this money being left for him in a bathroom by Benson.

After a determined struggle by the attorneys for the defense, Judge De Haven ordered this testimony stricken out because it antedated the period of the alleged conspiracy between Benson and Perrin.

The case for the government was closed by the testimony of William E. Valk, formerly examiner of contracts in the General Land Office at Washington, who stated that he met Benson at the Willard house, talked with him about the Benson and Hyde land fraud prosecutions and accepted from him "as a loan," \$75. The motion of the defense to strike this testimony from record was denied.

Dr. Perrin, aged millionaire from Arizona, took the stand late in the afternoon in his own behalf. He strongly denied the testimony of Charles P. Snell, the star witness for the prosecution. Dr. Perrin seemed indignant against Benson, and when referring to the land deals with him, lost control of himself and had to be called to order. He testified that he was owner of 300,000 acres of land in Arizona and at one time had 150,000 acres near Fresno. Dr. Perrin said there was no truth in the testimony of Snell regarding the Tehama county land deal.

MILLIONAIRE COMPANY FAILS

Unable to Meet Obligations It Goes Into Receivership.

Boston, Aug. 15.—The Pope Manufacturing Company, one of the leading manufacturers of automobiles, went into the hands of a receiver today. The receivership, it is stated, is the outcome of the tightened money conditions. It is added, however, that the assets of the company amount to many times its liabilities.

Albert I. Pope, son of Colonel A. A. Pope, was appointed receiver for the company by Federal Judge Dodge for the district of Massachusetts. The McManus-Kelly Company of Toledo, were applicants for the receivership.

The latest financial statement of the Pope Manufacturing Company, published in June, places the current liabilities at \$2,000,000, with assets at \$10,000,000.

PLENTY OF EVIDENCE.

Heney Can Now Convict Glass Without Aid of Zimmerman.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—The trial of Vice President and General Manager Louis Glass, of the Pacific States Telephone Company, charged with bribing Supervisor Thomas F. Lonergan to vote against the Home Telephone Company's application for a rival franchise, was begun before a jury this morning in Judge Lawlor's department of the Superior Court.

Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney, in his opening statement, intimated that since the trial of Glass on the charge of bribing Supervisor Boxton, which resulted in a disagreement, the state has obtained new and convincing evidence, which will be sufficient to convict without the testimony of Second Vice President Emil J. Zimmer.

Captive Not Released.

Tangier, Aug. 15.—It has been learned that Caid Sir Harry MacLean, the Englishman in the service of the Sultan of Morocco who has been a prisoner of the Bandit Raisul since early in July, has not been set at liberty as previously reported. The British Legation here received a communication from Raisul threatening that unless his terms are accepted immediately he would remove MacLean to a place whither all the armies of Europe if united could not follow and there is little doubt that he could and would do so.

Taft Rushes Business.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Secretary of War Taft arrived here this morning and plunged into the mass of business to be handled before his departure Westward, Sunday.