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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 Chicago & Alton railroad has been sold to the Toledo, St. Louis & Western.

Raisuli, the Moorish bandit, has defeated the army sent by the sultan to capture him.

Western railroads are again issuing warnings to coal dealers to lay in a winter supply before too late.

Deaths from the bubonic plague in India promise to exceed all former records during the present year.

Heney and Delmas continue to fight every step in the Glass bribery case now being tried in San Francisco.

Japanese have sued the city of San Francisco for \$2,575 damages on account of the restaurant wrecked by a mob.

A heavy electric storm has done much damage to telegraph and telephone wires in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

Texas has begun suit against the International Harvester company for \$1,100,000 for alleged violation of the anti-trust laws.

Vice President Zimmer, of the Pacific States Telephone company, has been sentenced to imprisonment for three months for contempt in refusing to answer questions in the Glass trial. He has appealed.

Count Boni has been snubbed by Gould in London.

Ninety cases of typhoid fever are reported at Ridgeway, Pa.

The Philippine government has suppressed the flag of a secret rebel society.

Drivers and stablemen employed at the wholesale beef packing houses in New York are on strike.

Congressman McCall, of Mass., predicts hard times as a result of the heavy fine imposed on the Standard Oil company.

The new San Francisco police board has accepted Chief Dinan's resignation and elected O. M. Anderson as acting chief.

Canadian telegraph operators have not struck but threaten to walk out unless the companies refuse to take messages from across the boundary.

Patients at the New York state hospital for the criminal insane revolted and were not subdued until one of their number had been shot and killed.

Governor Vardman, of Mississippi, has been appealed to for protection to the Western Union strikebreakers. The company officials say their men have been driven from Holly Springs, Grenada and Greenwood.

In a speech at Provincetown, Mass., President Roosevelt scored the rich lawbreakers.

The New Zealand senate has turned down a measure allowing women a seat in that body.

In an explosion of dynamite at Tsingtau, China, two Germans and 100 Chinese were killed.

The War department has advertised for material with which to improve the Honolulu harbor.

Secretary Taft may change all his Philippine trip plans owing to the illness of his mother.

Reports from Cental West and California indicate an almost complete resumption of wire service.

By means of wireless telegraphy the station at San Francisco sent the correct time to Midway island, 2,700 miles away.

Sympathy in Portland for the striking telegraph operators is making itself known by popular subscriptions for a relief fund. One contribution of \$50 was by a former county official.

The Standard Oil company has issued a pamphlet saying that the courts are biased and that under vindictive warfare waged by the Federal government rights of corporations are trampled on.

Hearst is laying his plans for 1908.

Boston has started a crusade against grafters.

While on his trip around the world Taft will visit the czar.

Both telegraph companies in San Francisco say business is improving.

Speaker Cannon approves the president's plan of sending a fleet to the Pacific.

ANXIOUS FOR TRIAL.

Borah Will Do Nothing to Impede Legal Proceedings.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 23.—The statement made by Attorney General Bonaparte that Senator Borah was to be given an immediate trial was shown to District Attorney Ruick, and he was asked if he had received any word from Attorney General Bonaparte respecting the trial of Senator Borah. He replied that he had nothing to say. When asked as to the date for the convening of court next month, he replied that the session would take up September 9. The matter referred to is the reported indictment of Senator Borah by the United States grand jury that sat here in March. No official statement on the subject had ever been made until the attorney general gave out the statement sent from Washington. The understanding is that an indictment was found charging the senator with having had some irregular connections with timber transactions under which the Barber Lumber company acquired title to certain timber lands. Great secrecy was maintained about the whole matter at the time the grand jury was in session and nothing whatever of an official character had been given to the public until the department of justice gave out the statement that an immediate trial was to be given the senator. That is the first official utterance indicating an indictment was found.

IMBUED WITH HOPE.

Portland Operators Far From Discouraged Over Situation.

Portland, Aug. 23.—There was nothing in the countenances of the little group of telegraph operators gathered in the strike headquarters at the Esmond hotel last night that would indicate discouragement over the situation. They discussed with earnestness various phases of the progress of the strike. They say:

"We have the wires tied up all over the country in spite of reports to the contrary. Why, if a man puts a message on the wire, say, at Chicago for a coast point it is more than likely to go up into the air before fairly getting under way. He has no way to find out whether it got started, even, or not."

"We have daily reports from the chief officers in the East and letters in every mail and can say that Portland seems to have a better service today than any place in the country, and you know what we have here. The latest we have from Chicago is the dispatch received this evening stating that out of the 1,700 operators in that city we have not lost a man through desertion."

"We also hear that a strike has taken effect among the strikebreakers in that city. *It seems that the company makes no distinction between first-class operators and novices in the matter of pay."

MANNING WILL PROSECUTE.

District Attorney Will Investigate Failure of Portland Bank.

Portland, Aug. 23.—Two announcements stand out as the most important developments yesterday in the Oregon Trust & Savings bank failure: District Attorney Manning's statement that he would prosecute the officers and directors of the bank if his investigations warranted such action, and President W. H. Moore's assurance that the bank's assets would be able to pay the depositors dollar for dollar if he were given reasonable time, unhampered by criminal prosecution or Federal bankruptcy proceedings.

Sitting as a grand jury this morning, District Attorney Manning will hear the testimony of depositors who entrusted funds to the Oregon Trust & Savings bank on Tuesday, the last day of its existence. If this evidence shall be that officials of the bank accepted deposits after the institution was insolvent, active prosecution will be started and Mr. Manning promises to land the guilty in the penitentiary.

A complaint has been made out for the arrest of the officers of the bank and a Tuesday depositor will sign the complaint today, should Mr. Manning's investigation prove the truth of the accusations already made by late depositors.

Specimen for Mining Congress.

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 23.—The production of lead and zinc in the Missouri-Kansas district this year will be larger than ever before. Last year the production amounted to more than \$15,000,000. During the 32 weeks of this year the district has produced almost \$12,000,000 worth. Great care is being taken to get fine ore specimens for the exhibit to be made at the American Mining congress which convenes here in November. Recently a piece of lead ore weighing 1,500 pounds was hoisted from a mine at Granby, Mo.

Jews Yet to Conquer World.

The Hague, Aug. 23.—The close today of the eighth International Zionist congress, which has been in session in this city since August 14, was marked with great enthusiasm. Dr. David Wolfz, of Cologne, delivered the closing speech. He said, among other things, that the Jewish people must yet conquer the world.

WONDERFUL POWDER

United States Possess Secret of Deadly New Explosive.

CAN TEAR ANY SHIP TO PIECES

Dunnite Proves Superior to Shimose. With Which Japan Won Her Great Naval Victories.

New York, Aug. 24.—The Times today says:

"The experiments at the Sandy Hook proving grounds with Dunnite, the high explosive invented by Major Dunn, of the Ordnance corps, U. S. A., have proved that the United States possesses in Dunnite the secret of an explosive perhaps more powerful and destructive than any other explosive ever invented."

"Dunnite, army officers say, is more powerful than Shimose, the explosive with which the Japanese did such terrific execution in the naval battles off Port Arthur and Vladivostok and in the Sea of Japan. Shimose ordnance officers say the explosive is a compound of picric acid, the secret of which is known to the ordnance officers of all the first-class powers. On the other hand, the secret of Dunnite is in the exclusive possession of the United States government."

"In the recent tests of Dunnite at Sandy Hook it is said that the very best five and six-inch armor plates that could be obtained were used as targets. The result of every shot was the same. The armor plate was smashed into thousands of small pieces, it is said, by their impact. The impact of the Dunnite is also all that is necessary to accomplish the destruction of the target. Penetration is not necessary, the impact being such that the armor is shattered into countless pieces."

"The dropping of a Dunnite shell on the deck of a battleship, it is said by many ordnance officers, would mean the immediate sinking of that ship, not by penetration of its vital parts, but simply by racking the vessel until her seams opened and the inrush of water sent her to the bottom. This, it is said by some ordnance officers, was the way that the Japanese put the Russian ship out of commission. They would drop the Shimose shells on the decks, and the destructive Shimose did the rest."

SAILS NEXT DECEMBER.

Roosevelt Will Send Only Six Battleships to Pacific.

New York, Aug. 24.—Secretary Loeb announced tonight that a fleet of six battleships will start for the Pacific some time in December via the Straits of Magellan, touching at San Francisco also probably at Puget sound.

A destroyer flotilla will leave for the Pacific about the same time, but will not accompany the battleships.

This is the first positive announcement of the date when the battleship fleet will sail for the Pacific coast. The first announcement was made by Secretary of the Navy Metcalf on July 4, and the details were given out the following day, but the date of departure was only given vaguely as some time in the fall.

It was stated in July that 16 battleships four cruisers and the gunboat Yorktown would come through Magellan Straits, but the above dispatch says only six battleships are coming. This may be an error in transmission, which it is impossible to have corrected in the present condition of the telegraph service. It is quite probable, however, that the number six is correct and that the number has been cut down, either because the government thought it unwise to so nearly denude the Atlantic coast of battleships or because it was desired to deprive the movement of any appearance of a hostile demonstration against Japan.

Assuming that the fleet starts on its voyage about the middle of December, it should arrive at San Francisco about the middle of February, 1908, as 60 days is considered ample time for the voyage.

Sentence Postponed.

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—John A. Benson and Dr. Edward B. Perrin, convicted by a jury in the United States District court of conspiracy to defraud the government in securing 1,200 acres of land in Tehama county, were to have been sentenced today by Judge De Haven, but when the case was called at attorneys for the defense asked for time in which to prepare a motion for a new trial. The prosecution did not object, and Judge De Haven granted a postponement of sentence until next Tuesday morning.

Cholera Outbreak in China.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—A Shanghai special says that there is a cholera outbreak in China, and several Europeans have succumbed thereto. Preventive measures have been adopted in the foreign quarter. Several Chinese and Japanese towns are affected but a spread through ocean steamers is regarded improbable.

GET ALONG WITHOUT ZIMMER.

Heney Produces Damaging Testimony Against Louis Glass.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—The breaking of Francis J. Heney's automobile yesterday morning delayed for nearly half an hour the resumption of the trial of Louis Glass for bribery. The assistant district attorney and Rudolph Spreckels completed on foot their journey to the court while Judge Lawlor and the jury waited.

John Krause, who was T. V. Halsey's assistant in the alleged bribing of supervisors in behalf of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, was called. He told of approaching Supervisor Thomas F. Loneragan, showing him the company's plans, lunching him and suggesting to him the "inadvisability" of having a rival telephone system in this city.

Krause told of the visits of supervisors to an unfurnished suite of rooms in the Mills building temporarily rented by Halsey for the purpose, as alleged by the prosecution, of paying over bribe money. Krause acted as doorkeeper and admitted the supervisors one at a time to an inner room, where Halsey was.

With the announced intent of showing that Glass, acting as president of the Pacific States company, during the absence from this city of John I. Sabin, in 1905, authorized the expenditure by Halsey of moneys in Oakland to defeat the Home Telephone company application for a franchise there, and that the expenses of the investigation trip of the Oakland city council to Los Angeles in that year were defrayed half and half by the two telephone companies.

TO PREVENT INTERRUPTION.

Railway Telegraphers Send Man to Prevent Pulling of Plugs.

Portland, Aug. 21.—Local features of the telegraphers' strike yesterday were the sending of A. O. Sinks, executive member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, out on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon to stop the pulling of plugs and other interruption of service by railway telegraphers; the desertion of Mrs. L. I. Dolphin from the strikers and her return to work at the Postal office, and the partial reorganization of the messenger force at the Western Union office.

Despite these circumstances, striking operators formerly employed by both companies are standing firm and make the statement that they are more confident of winning now than at any time since they walked out. It is said the strikebreakers are being worn out by the long strain and that the companies are unable to get any competent operators whatever.

Brokers' offices were silent yesterday, not a telegraph key clicking in either the offices of Overbeck & Cooke in the Couch building, or Downing & Hopkins in the Chamber of Commerce. Wire trouble south of Ashland is ascribed as the reason for the failure of the former company to receive quotations, while the latter is said to have refused the fragmentary service offered, the firm declining to carry on operations in the present demoralized condition of the stock market without complete information of conditions in Chicago and Wall street. Yesterday was the first day for years that Portland people who dabbled in stocks could not learn the state of the market.

WARNS CHINA AGAINST JAPAN.

Diplomats Point Out Grave Danger of Further Incursions.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 21.—Advices from Peking state that Prince Ching is warning the Chinese government of the menace of Japan. The interview with Viscount Hayashi, minister of foreign affairs for Japan at Seoul, in which he pointed out that China should take warning by Corea's fate lest some strong nation be moved to imitate events at Seoul and put her house in order, has created a sensation among Chinese officials. Chinese look with suspicion on the Franco-Japanese agreement as intended to cover aggression in China, and officials have pointed out in memorials to the government that while Japan's impenetration into Manchuria is irrecoverable, any further incursion should be prevented, even if foreign assistance were invited to exclude Japan.

Root Not in Sympathy.

Boston, Aug. 21.—The Boston News Bureau says: "Notwithstanding official denials, we have confirmatory advices again warranting the publication of the rumor that Elihu Root and Robert Bacon are likely to retire from the State department. They are not in sympathy with the recently published utterances of Attorney General Bonaparte, which appear to reflect the desire of the administration to use the power of the government to punish individuals rather than to secure the enforcement of the law."

Arbitrate Fisheries Dispute.

London, Aug. 21.—Great Britain has accepted the proposition of the United States to submit the Newfoundland fisheries dispute to arbitration by the Hague tribunal. Meanwhile the *modus vivendi* will continue the same as last year.

GOLD DUST STOLEN

\$45,000 in Alaska Mails Disappears Without Clue.

THIRD THEFT WITHIN A MONTH

Miners Ship Dust by Mail to Avoid Excessive Tariff Charged by Express Companies.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 22.—A Fairbanks, Alaska, special says: What is believed to be the biggest plot for robbing the United States mails ever discovered is now in operation in Alaska. Only yesterday word was received from the coast that the third pouch missing in a month had been reported at Skagway. The sack contained \$45,000 in gold dust addressed to Seattle banks.

Postoffice inspectors already in the North working on the two former robberies have taken up the latest loss. It is almost certain that the sacks were stolen while in transit on the Yukon river boats plying between this point and Dawson. Several men are under suspicion but no arrests have been made. Reliable clues are scarce.

Ever since gold dust shippers have decided to use the mails for sending out their metal, instead of patronizing the express companies, as they previously did, because of the increased tariff, the present trouble has existed. It will necessitate the employment of guards by the government to watch the gold shipments. As they have been practically unguarded up to date, robberies have been easy and it is believed that the thefts have resulted from systematic operations of bandits working with well-laid plans.

PORTLAND BANK FAILS.

Unable to Meet Obligations and is Forced into Receivership.

Portland, Aug. 22.—The Oregon Trust & Savings bank closed its doors yesterday. Its liabilities were \$2,553,927.35. The value of assets depends upon what disposition can be made of the bank's holdings of Independent telephone bonds, which aggregated about \$1,300,000.

President Walter H. Moore, of the bankrupt institution, said last night that some assets not counted upon when the bank closed its doors have been found, and he hopes to pay every depositor eventually in full. For example, the lease on the corner of Sixth and Washington streets is estimated to be worth \$50,000, and the fixtures of the bank, including the safety deposit vaults in the rear of the building, are valued at a like sum. This makes an additional \$100,000, which was not counted upon when it was decided to close the bank's doors.

SEEK OTHER WORK.

Striking Telegraph Operators in Portland Prepare for Siege.

Portland, Aug. 22.—Striking telegraph operators in Portland are scattering in many different directions and are taking up other lines of work. The majority of those who went on strike have either left the city or have secured positions away from a telegraph key. Many will go to the hop fields, while others are away on vacations.

The men expect the strike to continue for some time, but they express confidence in the outcome and are standing firm. The watchword is "stick," at union headquarters. The strikers say the Western Union is out \$1,000,000 a day in excess of its usual expenses while the strike lasts, and the men believe they will win, no matter how long the telegraph companies resist the demands for the concessions sought.

Messenger boys on strike against the Western Union held a meeting yesterday and some broached the matter of going back to work. This was firmly opposed and upon a vote being taken, the poll showed 15 to 3 in favor of staying out.

Sell Gems at Auction.

New York, Aug. 22.—The announcement was made today that almost all the diamonds belonging to the estate of the late widow of Leland Stanford have been quietly disposed of and the proceeds will be devoted to Stanford university in compliance with the owner's will. The sale was held at the wholesale house, Lomon, under the supervision of a committee. It is said only \$350,000 was realized, although experts appraised the gems at half a million, and regarded them as especially valuable, and have interesting histories.

Stole Money Orders in Chicago.

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Julius F. Eller was arrested today for return to Alamosa, Colorado, where it is alleged he stole \$2,000 in money orders from the Rio Grande railroad. Eller declares he was duped by a friend and got none of the plunder.