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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.

Mayor Lane has summarily dismissed the entire board of health of Portland.

Fire at Lewiston, Idaho, caused a damage of \$70,000 among business firms.

Two lineal descendants of Sacajawea have been found in a Wyoming Indian school.

The visiting French fleet of 18 ships received a hearty welcome in English waters.

New York Jewish bakers are on a strike for a reduction of hours to ten per day.

Russian Zemstvos believe the war has served its purpose, and now expect reforms.

Two new centers of infection have been discovered in the yellow fever district outside New Orleans.

Citizens of New Orleans have subscribed \$250,000 to be used in suppressing the yellow fever epidemic.

Four persons were drowned in the Willamette river at Portland last Sunday as the result of three accidents.

A thief grabbed \$400 from a lady who had just drawn the money from a Portland bank, and escaped in the crowd.

Orders have been issued for a general strike of bridge and structural iron workers against the American Bridge company from Maine to California.

Chicago labor unions are unable to hold an election, on account of the riotous element, and conservative unions threaten to withdraw from the federation.

The vessels conveying the peace envoys of Russia and Japan from Washington to Portsmouth, N. H., where the peace conference is to be held, were delayed two days by heavy fog.

If the kaiser meets King Edward next week, as planned, he will, according to good authority, inform his uncle that if the present atmosphere of mutual jealousy, hatred and suspicion is not cleared, Europe will remain in danger of a serious explosion.

Railroad President Harriman will go direct to Portland from the Yellowstone park.

Train service on the Great Northern is badly crippled by the telegraphers' strike.

A Milwaukee millionaire has been indicted for larceny by bailee in stealing \$14,000.

The United States government has taken charge of the yellow fever situation in the South.

The peace envoys of Japan and Russia were introduced to each other by President Roosevelt.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the governor of Oregon for failing to pay his occupation tax.

The Portland chamber of commerce demands a recount of the city's population, saying that 110,500 is far too low.

Immense forest fires in Southern Oregon are said to have been started by squirrel hunters. Great damage is being done.

The law against ticket scalping has been declared constitutional, on the ground that the ticket scalping business is based on forgery, fraud and deceit.

Miss Alice Roosevelt places most of the gifts which come to her from would-be lovers for sale at the various church fairs and bazaars in which she is interested.

A Chicago youth of 18 years has testified that, with a gang of three men and two women, he has robbed 330 different houses. He offers to turn state's evidence if guaranteed his freedom.

Santa Fe county, New Mexico, is in the hands of a receiver, having issued railway aid bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000, which it cannot pay.

An order has been granted by the Circuit court restraining the Multnomah Fair association from selling pools on its races, and the association management says it will hold no more races until the order is revoked.

The Cuban congress is expected to adjourn without passing the bill opening the Cuban market to American rice and encouraging rice culture in Cuba.

The reason given for so many Italians dying from yellow fever is the fact that they conceal the disease as long as possible and take wrong diet until too late.

## GREAT CROPS EVERYWHERE.

Condition of Grain Now Makes Immense Harvests Almost Sure.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—American farms will produce bigger and better crops and return many more millions in revenue to the farming interests this year than ever before in the history of the country. All kinds of crops—wheat, corn, oats, hay and smaller grain and produce staples—have progressed to the stage where this prediction may be made with scarcely the slightest chance that the final official figures will disprove its correctness.

Railroad officials and statisticians of agricultural departments in the various states of the government grain producing regions give their personal and official guarantee that the year 1905 is to be the banner year in farm prosperity.

If there is a dissenting voice anywhere, it is drowned out by the clamor of optimism that comes from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, the far Southwest, the Pacific coast and the wonderful spring wheat country of the Northwest.

Possibly one wheat crop—that of 1901—will exceed that of 1905. In 1901 the crop aggregated 748,000,000 bushels. It may be that one previous corn crop, that of 1902, when 2,524,000,000 bushels were produced, will not quite be equaled by the yield of this year.

According to figures emanating from state capitals Saturday afternoon, 370,000,000 bushels more of corn will be raised this year than last in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

## WORKMEN STARVING.

Strike at Poutloff Works Resulting in Hunger and Disease.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—As a result of the strike at the Poutloff works, there is terrible destitution among the workmen, and hundreds of cases of actual starvation have been reported. The people are suffering with scurvy, and General Trepoff has been applied to for relief.

A dispatch from Riga states that grave developments are expected in the Napheta district, where the strike is spreading rapidly. Rioting is reported, and in several cases troops have been called upon to quell the disturbances.

Sunday morning a man whose identity has not been learned, threw a dynamite bomb into the office of the district treasurer of Riga, severely wounding the treasurer, two janitors and a reporter.

## Gomez Defiant.

Havana, Aug. 8.—Jose Miguel Gomez, governor of Santa Clara province and Liberal candidate for the presidency of Cuba, has given out an interview full of defiance to the Palma government. With reference to the Vuelitas case and the Cuban government's assumption of the right to inspect municipalities without reference to the provincial authorities, Governor Gomez says:

"I will not allow anyone excepting the provincial authorities to inspect the municipalities of this province. Should a municipality be governed by moderates, I would refuse to consent to this procedure just the same and would deliver justice to them if permitted."

"If the Supreme court decides against the contentions we are now maintaining, we would not obey its mandates, because of its partiality in favor of executive authority. The court would be certain to be against us in order to increase its favor with the government."

## Cable Over Grand Canyon.

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 8.—Over a cable 8,000 feet in the air passengers are to be carried across the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. The Grand Canyon Transportation company, promoted by Utah men, has been incorporated with a capital of \$10,000 to bridge the chasm in this unique manner.

Tourists will be taken from the famous Bright Angel Trail on the Santa Fe side of the river, across the Buckskin Plateau. The length of the cable will be 500 feet. The wire rope will be anchored to the opposite walls of the gorge, and a car will be run back and forth.

## Russia to Grant Terms.

Boston, Aug. 8.—A special to the Globe from Gloucester says that Russia will grant the Japanese demands, pay an indemnity and cede Saghalin. The contest in the negotiations will be over Manchuria, but Russia will more than recover its losses in the next war with Japan. The special declares that the indemnity will only be lent, and will some day be collected with interest from "the presumptuous little brown men." This position is in accordance with Russian policy, but is not considered seriously by the Japanese.

## Boycott on Special Lines.

Yokohama, Aug. 8.—The meeting of Chinese, which it was announced would be held today, resolved to boycott American bankers, shippers and insurance agents, but deferred action with regard to other lines of business.

## TANANA IS FLOODED

Hundreds Made Homeless Near Fairbanks, Alaska.

## DRIVEN FROM CABINS AT NIGHT

Danger of an Epidemic from Molding Cellars and Crowded Places of Temporary Refuges.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 8.—A special letter to the Seattle Times from Fairbanks, Alaska, under date of July 6, says that a flood raging in Chena for several days had rendered homeless 700 to 1,000 people. The flood was caused by a wind and rain storm that had recently swept the Tanana valley.

Keyes' saw mill had been swept away and carried down the stream, being lodged in front of Noyes' mill. A large log boom broke from its moorings at the Tanana Development company's mill and was carried down stream, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars. Cellars were flooded and in a few instances stock drowned.

People were compelled to move out of their homes in the early hours after midnight. Homes were temporarily provided for the people and they were not allowed to go back to their wet cabins for several days after the flood had subsided.

At the time the letter was written grave fears were entertained for the safety of the people, an epidemic being threatened.

The banks of the river were badly broken, but piledrivers were at work putting in bulkheads long before the waters had subsided.

## TROUBLE AHEAD.

Kaiser to Warn King Edward to Calm British Feeling Against Germany.

Berlin, Aug. 8.—If the kaiser meets King Edward next week at Frankfurt, he will, according to authority there, tell his uncle that, while Germany does not want war with England, nevertheless the present atmosphere of mutual hatred, jealousy and suspicion must be destroyed or Europe will remain in danger of an explosion. King Edward will be given to understand that Germany holds England responsible for the creation of this situation.

The correspondent is informed that the consequences to which the present situation may lead are now causing Germany's responsible statesmen the deepest anxiety. These possible consequences filled a large place in the kaisers' recent interviews with King Oscar, of Sweden, with King Christian, of Denmark, and with the czar.

There have been official attempts to render less apparent and to obscure the seriousness of the situation, but William and his advisers are profoundly concerned over England's constantly increasing hatred of Germany. It is thought that this hatred is now more virulent than ever before.

## FEVER SPREADS.

Two New Centers on Plantations Outside New Orleans.

New Orleans, Aug. 8.—Two large foci of infection were discovered today outside of the city by officers of the Marine Hospital service. Dr. Corput went to the Diamond plantation in St. Charles parish to look into some suspicious cases and found six positive yellow fever cases of secondary infection, three of which were dead. They are on a sugar plantation and three of them are Italians. One is a negro.

The other point of infection is the town of Patterson, in St. Mary's parish, where Dr. Guiteras found 19 cases of secondary infection. Most of these are also Italians. The local health boards have taken charge in both instances and are following out the directions of the Marine Hospital service.

## Havian Steamer Suspected.

Philadelphia, Aug. 8.—The British steamship Barnston, which arrived at the Delaware breakwater on Saturday from Port de Paix, Hayti, with 15 of the crew ill with fever, docked at this port today. The Barnston was held by the government quarantine officials pending an investigation as to the character of the fever, but after careful observation the steamer will be permitted to come to port, the physicians finding the seamen suffering from malaria.

## Yellow-Fever in Mexico.

City of Mexico, Aug. 8.—The superior board of health reports five cases of yellow fever in the republic, four at Vera Cruz and one at Coatzacoalcos.

## PEACE ENVOYS MEET.

Brought Together on Naval Yacht and Introduced by President.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 6.—At 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the formal reception of the representatives of the belligerent powers by President Roosevelt on behalf of the United States government took place on the cruiser Mayflower. It was a notable demonstration in honor of the distinguished guests, envoys of their countries to the peace conference.

The Mayflower, the finest vessel of her class in the navy, was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The beautiful interior finishings were ornamented with cut flowers and smilax, intertwined with the national colors of Russia and Japan. The colors of the two nations also fluttered from the vessel's masts.

The Japanese and Russian plenipotentiaries left New York in the morning on two cruisers for Oyster Bay, where they met the president. The Japanese made the trip on the cruiser Tacoma and the Russian envoys were conveyed to their destination aboard the Chattanooga.

Constantine Nakakoff, of the Russian foreign office, when asked whether Russia would agree to a cession of territory or payment of indemnity, two points on which it is believed that Japan will insist, replied:

"I don't think so."  
Sato, the Japanese spokesman, asked how prospects looked, said:

"Not very bright, but we are hopeful."

Early in the morning the president's naval yacht Sylph and invited guests arrived, and at 1 o'clock President Roosevelt boarded the Mayflower. He was greeted with the presidential salute of 21 guns as he went on board. Baron Komura and Minister Takahira and their suites left the Chattanooga in a launch and proceeded to the Mayflower. As they boarded the vessel a salute of 21 guns was given. The envoys were received on deck by Commander Winslow and escorted to the main cabin, where they were presented to the president by Assistant Secretary Pierce. The same ceremony was then enacted for the Russian plenipotentiaries, Sergius Witte and Ambassador Rozen.

The envoys of the two powers were then presented formally to one another by President Roosevelt, after which all partook of a luncheon.

The Japanese envoys were then conveyed to the dispatch boat Dolphin, on which they sailed for Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Witte and his party remained on the Mayflower, which weighed anchor at the same time as the Dolphin and started on its cruise, conveyed by the cruiser Galveston.

## AUCTIONS OFF LOVERS' GIFTS.

Remembrances from Alice Roosevelt's Admirers Sold at Church Fair.

Washington, Aug. 7.—There are things doing in the St. Hilda society connected with Christ church in Oyster Bay. This little guild is Mrs. Roosevelt's pet charity, and this fact being spread broadcast, treasures and trophies for its fairs are not lacking. Indeed some remarkable objects find their way to the bazaars, and there is a faint suggestion that the first lady of the land, with the practical sense for which she is noted, utilizes many of the useless gifts which come her way to raise money for her church.

"Princess" Alice also receives cartloads of dainty perfumes, photographs and such trifles from her lovelorn admirers, who would doubtless be overcome if they could see some of their votive offerings displayed on the bazaar tables.

## Restrains Pool Selling.

Portland, Aug. 7.—Presiding Circuit Judge Frazer has granted a preliminary order restraining the Multnomah Fair association from selling pools on races at the Irvington track in this city.

Immediately the officials of the track announced that for one week there would be no races. Within that time the permanent injunction proceedings will be disposed of and the Multnomah Fair association will know its legal status toward pool selling. Judge Frazer declared that if evidence had been introduced convincing him that the suit was merely a quarrel between gamblers, as was intimated, he would have thrown it out of court.

## Moody Inquires into Strike.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Attorney General Moody has addressed a letter to the United States district attorneys along the lines of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads requesting information regarding the telegraphers' strike and its possible effect upon the transmission of government messages. Moody says he has been informed that for several days message have been interrupted. He says it is the government's duty to keep such channels open to protect its own communication and he is much concerned.

## Oregon Mutton for Chicago.

Pendleton, Aug. 7.—Ten carloads of mutton sheep have just been shipped from Meacham by a North Yakima buyer to the Chicago market. A government inspector passed upon the shipment.

## REACH NO VERDICT

Second Trial of Land Fraud Case Proves Fruitless.

## 30 BALLOTS WITHOUT CHANGE

Proposal to Convict Gesner and Biggs and Clez Williamson Was Defeated by One Juror.

Portland, Aug. 5.—John N. Williamson, Dr. Van Gesner and Marion R. Biggs will have to face trial on August 28 for the third time, on the charge of conspiracy to suborn perjury. After having strived for 45 hours to reach some conclusion, the jury in the Williamson case came into court, and upon its own request was discharged by Judge De Haven. At only one time did the government cause hold the majority vote, that being during the first three ballots, when seven of the jurors voted to acquit, the vote then changing to six for conviction and an equal number for acquittal, where it hung without interruption through 30 ballots. At another time those voting to acquit proposed to their comrades to convict Gesner and Biggs, provided Williamson should be acquitted, but Henry J. Keene would not consent to the agreement, and no change was made in the vote. George Kirk, after having voted for three times to convict, changed his ballot to the other hand and refused to make another decision. According to the story told by several of the jurors, it was apparent early in the course of the deliberations that no verdict could be reached, and the subsequent ballots were taken more as a matter of form than with the expectation that any change would be shown.

The bone of contention seemed to be in regard to the existence of a contract, and in the question of intention on the part of the defendants to do wrong.

## OFFICIALS FILE ON CLAIMS.

Nome People Much Exercised and Threaten Drastic Measures.

Seattle, Aug. 5.—Advises received in this city tonight from Nome by the steamship Ohio state that the people of Nome are up in arms against the government officials and their actions in filing upon valuable mining claims.

The Nome Nugget in a long article charges the officials with using illegal methods and taking advantage of their position to possess themselves of many valuable claims which are obtained by relocating. The Nugget prints comparative tables showing the number of claims held by the government officials and their relatives or assistants, and also the number held by the leading mining and business men of Nome and vicinity.

Officers of the Ohio report that the people are greatly exercised over the matter and are talking of drastic measures if the authorities at Washington do not investigate the matter.

## ALASKA FOREST BURNING.

Dense Pall of Smoke Hanging Over Lynn Canal.

Seattle, Aug. 5.—Forest fires are again raging along the southeastern coast of Alaska, and heavy clouds of smoke hang over the waters of Lynn canal, according to the reports brought to Seattle this afternoon by the steamer City of Seattle, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company's fleet.

Captain Charles O'Brien, master of the Seattle, states that since the short rains which served to extinguish the forest fires which burned in that part of the country a month or more ago, the weather has been hot and dry, and that the fires have started up again, and are as bad as before.

The forests are on fire both on the islands which fill the inside passage and along the mainland, and unless rain falls soon it is feared that the timber loss will be serious.

## River Pirates Arrested.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 5.—Harry Young, of Seattle, R. Brechin, of Vancouver, and Harry Kline, of Vancouver, were arrested today charged with being river pirates. Numerous accusations of boat stealing and thefts of nets and outfits from fishermen are made against them. It is also alleged that before daybreak one morning they held up several Japanese fishermen in boats off the Fraser Sand Heads. It is charged that they held pistols at the heads of their victims and made them relinquish boats, gear and everything they had of value.

## Dividend on Mrs. Chadwick's Estate.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 5.—Creditors of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will receive a total dividend of about 7 mills on the dollar when the matter is finally settled. Net assets will amount to about \$25,000.