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A WEEK'S RECORD

All the News of the Past Seven Days Condensed.

HOME AND FOREIGN ITEMS

News of the Industrial Field, Personal and Political Items, Happenings at Home and Abroad.

THE NEWS FROM ALL THE WORLD

DOMESTIC.

The visible supply of grain in the United States on the 24th was: Wheat, 54,993,000 bushels; corn, 7,322,000 bushels; oats, 11,659,000 bushels; rye, 869,000 bushels; barley, 784,000 bushels.

Forest fires raged over 100 square miles in the vicinity of Occidental, Cal., doing damage to the amount of over \$400,000.

Frank Davis and James Chapman, rivals for the favor of a young country girl near Birmingham, Ala., killed each other in a duel.

The convention of locomotive firemen adjourned at Des Moines, Ia., after voting \$54,000 in benefits to disabled members.

The war department is in receipt of numerous applications for teachers' positions in the Philippines.

The business portion of the village of Omer, Mich., was practically destroyed by fire.

Contrary to the expectation of the mine operators, the lines of strikers remained unbroken and the second week of the strike in the anthracite field in Pennsylvania opened with the tie-up of the mines as complete as at any time since the strike began.

Reports indicate that 130,000 of the 142,000 miners are now out.

During August the internal revenue receipts from all sources amounted to \$25,595,716, an increase over the month of August last year of \$1,174,751.

The torpedo boat O'Brien was launched at Elizabeth, N. J.

Eight persons were killed in a cyclone at Morristown, Minn.

The official trial trip of the battleship Wisconsin will be made October 1.

William Driscoll and wife, an aged couple, were killed by the cars at a crossing in Muncie, Ind.

Four persons were killed and several severely injured in a waterspout and tornado at Ferguson, Ia.

The Abbot trotted a mile in 2:03 1/4 at Terre Haute, Ind., setting a new world's mark.

The fate of the anthracite strike in Pennsylvania apparently hangs on the decision of 150 men employed in the Marple mine at Jeddco; operators insist on arbitration, and strike leaders insist on men holding out. Sheriff Harvey telegraphed to Gov. Stone asking that troops be sent to Hazleton on the ground that the sheriff cannot guarantee the safety of persons or property during the night marches of the strikers.

An engine on the Eastern Illinois road blew up at Johnson City, Ill., killing Engineer Doggett and Fireman Rains.

Dispatches from various points in the Rocky mountains show that there has been a heavy snowfall.

The children's home at Wilkesburg, Pa., was partially destroyed by fire.

Burglars robbed the post office at Hancock, Mich., of \$700 in money and stamps.

Many lives were lost and much property destroyed in a storm at Nome, Alaska.

The Michigan commission merchant license law has been declared void by the state supreme court.

Fire destroyed the Iron Mountain railway shops at Baring Cross, Ark., the loss being \$400,000.

In a train wreck at Springfield, Ill., Engineer Ryan and Fireman Hall were killed.

Railway officials estimate that 50,000 easterners will immigrate to the northwest early next year.

The National Association of Postmasters met at Peoria, Ill.

Gov. Stone declined to send troops to Hazleton at once, and Gen. Gobin at Shenandoah was watching that field. All mines in the Shenandoah region are now shut down.

The tenth biennial reunion of Crocker's Iowa brigade, consisting of the Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth regiments was held in Keokuk, Ia.

A brick kiln at Edwardsville, Ill., was wrecked by lightning and four men were killed.

James B. Howard was found guilty at Frankfort, Ky., of Goebel's murder and condemned to death.

GERMANY'S PROPOSITION.

The Alignment of the Powers on the German Proposition Definitely Stated.

THE DREIBUND SHOWS A SOLID FRONT.

Great Britain, Russia and France Stand with the United States, While Japan Occupies a Middle Attitude—Nothing Known of a New Proposition.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The alignment of the powers on the German proposition to make the punishment of the Chinese ringleaders a condition precedent to negotiations may now be stated as follows: Great Britain, Russia and France stand with the United States in regarding this proposition as inexpedient. Japan occupies a middle attitude; she is willing to follow the German lead if all the other powers are agreeable, but only for the sake of preserving harmony among the powers, and not from a belief in the wisdom of the German proposition.

Dreibund Shows a Solid Front.

Austria and Italy stand shoulder to shoulder with Germany, making the dreibund a solid front. The first-named two powers do not attempt to argue the German proposition, and their answers make it apparent that they have accepted it without much consideration.

Nothing is known here officially of the alternative proposition which is reported to be preparing in Europe. If it contains the same feature as to prior punishment as the original proposition, it is not likely to receive approval here.

Will Not Change Things.

The fact that Secretary Hay is expected to return to Washington next week will not change in any way the policy of the state department. The secretary has been in the closest sympathetic touch with all that has been done respecting China, and the stories printed in Germany to the effect that he is coming back to reverse those policies is pronounced at the state department to be absurd. The officials are impressed, and have been from the beginning, with the conviction that any attempt made to punish Prince Tuan before negotiations are undertaken will absolutely defeat all efforts to obtain a peaceable and satisfactory settlement.

Cause of Prince Tuan's Promotion.

Indeed, it is believed that the attempt of Germany to apprehend such Chinese officials at this stage has actually been the cause of Prince Tuan's promotion, rather than anything contained in the American refusal of the German proposition. It is pointed out that an inevitable result of such an effort would be to cause the Chinese officials against whom it was directed to strike by every means in their power to secure the support of the throne, just as Tuan has in this case.

Cablegram from Conger.

Mr. Conger has been heard from in a brief cablegram. This was not published, but it is understood to indicate no important developments.

THE JAMES HOWARD CASE.

Additional Affidavits Filed in Relation to the Motion for a New Trial.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 29.—Additional affidavits were filed by the defense and counter affidavits by the prosecution in the motion for a new trial for James Howard, who was found guilty, Wednesday, of the murder of Wm. Goebel. All of the affidavits filed by the defense except one attack jurors who sat in the case. One is signed by the defendant, and alleges that the jury was not kept together, on one occasion, as the law requires.

John W. Roy, law clerk to Appellate Judge White, made an affidavit, which was filed by the prosecution, in which he says that on the morning of the assassination he met B. L. Guffy, a son of Judge Guffy and a prominent young republican, that the latter said to him: "Goebel will not be governor. He will be killed before the joint assembly meets." The affiant says he responded that this would create a riot, and that Taylor would certainly be killed if that should happen, to which Guffy responded: "No, they will not kill Taylor. That has been provided against."

IN THE HANDS OF A RECEIVER

Misappropriation of Funds Wrecks the Montgomery (W. Va.) Banking & Trust Co.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 29.—A receiver has been appointed for the Montgomery Banking and Trust Co., of Montgomery, W. Va., on the application of President Shampe and Vice-President Simras, who alleged that Cashier McCormick had misappropriated funds making the bank insolvent. Liabilities, \$50,000; assets, \$15,000, of which only \$1,500 is in cash. Missing notes and securities amount to \$62,000.

Order of the Red Eagle.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 29.—Emperor William of Germany has bestowed the order of the Red Eagle on Maj.-Gen. Stoessel, "commander of the international forces at Taku and Tien Tsin."

London's Lord Mayor-Elect.

London, Sept. 29.—Alderman Frank Green was formally elected lord mayor of London for the ensuing year, at the Guild hall.

A NEW CENSUS FEATURE.

Analysis to be Made of Census Statistics by the Division of Methods and Results.

TO LOOK AT THE BOOKS.

An Expression That Led a Dishonest Bookkeeper to Depart in Haste.

A prominent Louisville lawyer, who was in the city recently on business, told this curious little story one evening, while chatting with some friends in the Grunewald lobby, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "My pet fad for many years," he said, "has been what is called the 'extending' of books. I select some standard work, preferably a work of history, and begin to collect letters, autographs, pictures, maps, printed matter, documents and anything else obtainable connected with the subject treated. Eventually I have the original book taken apart and rebound with all my supplementary matter, and a single volume is sometimes extended to a dozen. It is a very fascinating hobby, and if I went into details I would never get to my story. What I started out to tell you was this: Five or six years ago I was on the train going to Toledo to attend to some legal matters, when I fell in with a very agreeable elderly gentleman, who turned out to be a furniture manufacturer living in middle Ohio. Something turned the conversation to books, and the old gentleman remarked casually that he was extending a copy of Irving's 'Life of Washington.' By a remarkable coincidence I was just then engaged on exactly the same task myself, and, needless to say, we both became deeply interested. By the time we reached the manufacturer's home town he had persuaded me to stop over and take a look at his library, which, he said, contained several fine specimens of extended books. We arrived late in the afternoon, and before going to his house we dropped in at his down-town office. A very serious-looking, middle-aged Scotchman came forward to greet us, and was introduced by my friend as the manager of the furniture works. 'I'm going to keep Mr. A— with us a day or so,' said the old gentleman, pleasantly. 'I want him to take a look at my books.' The Scotchman grunted some vague reply, and in a few moments we started for the house. 'I was most hospitably entertained,' continued the lawyer, 'and I found the library intensely interesting, but next day I had to go to Toledo, and the whole episode eventually faded from my mind. One day last summer, however, it was unexpectedly recalled by a meeting with the old manufacturer himself, whom I bumped into in the corridor of the Planter's house in St. Louis. He recognized me at once, and the first thing he asked was whether I had finished with my copy of 'Washington.' Then he took me by the arm and drew me aside. 'I'm very glad I've met you,' he said, 'because I want to tell you of a remarkable affair in which you played unconsciously an important part. Do you remember the details of your little visit to my town?' 'Fairly well,' I replied, in surprise. 'Then perhaps you recall meeting the manager at our office?' he continued. 'Certainly,' said I. 'A sour-looking Scotchman, with reddish hair.' 'Exactly!' he exclaimed. 'Well, he decamped that night, and has never been seen since. We thought he was sick at home for a couple of days, so he got a good start. He was short a trifle over \$20,000, but he covered up his tracks so neatly that I was at a loss to know why he ran away until I received a letter from him, posted in Mexico, and making a clean breast of the whole affair. It seems that he mistook you for an expert accountant, and gathered from some remark I made about looking at my books that I had engaged you to examine the ledgers. Accordingly he took time by the forelock. It was a pretty serious loss,' he added, 'but I regard the incident as providential, because the rascal was then preparing for a big coup, which he would certainly have perfected inside a month. In that case he might have wrecked me.' 'It was a good joke on the Scotchman,' said the lawyer, chuckling. 'For I don't know any more about book-keeping and accounts than a wild Hottentot.'

THE PROHIBITION SPECIAL.

A Stop of Four Hours at Madison, Wis., with a Rally at the State Capitol.

THE RISE IN TRINITY RIVER.

It is Unprecedented and Many Farms in the Valley are Totally Ruined.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 29.—The unprecedented rise in the Trinity river continues with no immediate prospects of receding. The waters have inundated the entire bottoms in the valley and many valuable farms are totally ruined. The Rock Island bridge over West Fork, near Newark, was washed away Friday night.

WAS RUN AT A HEAVY LOSS.

Rainy Weather Made the Illinois State Fair, at Springfield, a Losing Venture.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 29.—The state board of agriculture will be compelled to borrow from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to pay the premium awards of the state fair. This deficit exists in the treasury of the board. Owing to the continued rain of the week the attendance has been badly crippled, and this has caused a great loss in receipts.

A Historic Flag.

New York, Sept. 29.—A historic flag, which will recall the early life of Admiral Sampson, has been forwarded to him by E. W. Hill of Rochester. This flag floated on the Patapasco, of which Admiral Sampson was commander at the time when it was sunk in the Dutch Gap canal in 1802.

Established a Differential.

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 29.—The California Cured Fruit association has made a differential of a quarter of a cent a pound on all prunes for Mexico, Canada, Central and South America, countries where markets for prunes have not yet been fairly opened.

Sentenced for Perjury.

Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 29.—George Cross, on a plea of guilty, was sentenced, Friday, to prison for 20 years for perjury, in swearing that he saw Secretary Dick, of the Anti-Saloon league, drunk in a saloon on a Sunday.

Suspended.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—The suspension of U. G. Peters & Co. has been announced on the stock exchange. Liabilities \$1,000 to \$10,000.

THEM'S THE RULES.

A visitor in Paris was seated at a table in one of the high-priced restaurants in the exhibition grounds thinking of various things as he read over the bill of fare and observed the prices.

THEY WOULD GET THERE.

It Was None of the Ticket Seller's Business Where She Wanted to Go.

He was long, lean, lank and raw-boned, and he shambled up to the ticket window at the Union passenger station much after the fashion of a scared cat when he approaches his master to receive a well-earned thrashing. He got as far as the outside railing and stood there with a bashful blush gazing at the man behind the brass bars, says the St. Joseph News.

"Come in, come in; make yourself at home," was the encouraging welcome from within. He accepted the invitation and brought up against the marble ticket counter with more confidence in his face.

"Say, there," he said, in a half whisper, "is this the place where you get tickets for the kyars?"

"Yes; where do you want to go? Hurry up; we're rushed."

"Well, sir," he replied, shifting a square inch of plug tobacco on one cheek to the other, "hev you all got any long-distance tickets inter Kentucky?"

His case was equalled by that of the old lady with a sunbonnet, who said:

"I want a ticket to Platte county."

"What place in Platte county?" inquired the ticket man.

"No place in Platte county; I want to go to Platte county, and it's none of your business where I'm going to visit. You sell me the ticket to Platte county, and I'll git there."

IN REAL LIFE.

It Sounded Almost Like a Fairy Tale, But the Conclusion Was Commonplace.

"By the way," said the man who had stopped at a farmhouse to water his horse, "15 years ago a poor boy came this way and you took him in."

"Yes!" queried the farmer, somewhat surprised, relates London Answers.

"You were kind to him," went on the stranger. "You fed him, gave him words of encouragement and an old suit of clothes, but five shillings in his pocket and sent him on his way rejoicing. He told you at the time that he never would forget your kindness. Am I right?"

"I believe you are," replied the farmer. "He said that if he prospered he would see that you never had occasion to regret your kindness to a poor, struggling lad."

"Land's sake!" exclaimed the farmer's wife, excitedly. "It sounds almost like a fairy tale, don't it?"

"Well," continued the stranger, "he told me to tell you that he is still poor."

And as he drove away the farmer went out and kicked the pump viciously, while his wife threw a rolling pin at the chickens.

Pleasantly Locating the Distress.

"Did you have any trouble with your French in Paris, Mrs. Riffraff?"

"No; we didn't have any trouble at all; but the people who tried to talk with us seemed to have an awful time."—Indianapolis Journal.

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