

THE NEWS OF A WEEK CONDENSED

SUMMARY OF MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST

Progress of Peace Negotiations Between Russia and Japan—Foreign and Domestic Items of Interest Told in Brief.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The first session of the peace conference at Portsmouth, N. H., was merely perfunctory and no important business was transacted.

President Roosevelt introduced the Japanese and Russian peace envoys and proposed a toast to peace.

The peace envoys were delayed in their journey from Oyster Bay to Portsmouth, N. H., by a fog.

Russian and Japanese peace parties were received by American officials with simple and picturesque ceremonies at Portsmouth, N. H.

The statement is made that the Russian peace envoys have been instructed absolutely to refuse the payment of a war indemnity, which, it is said, would be against Russian pride and the whole history of the country.

A Paris correspondent in St. Petersburg says the czar instructed M. Witte to use his utmost endeavor for peace.

M. Witte, it is said, is unalterably opposed to a cash indemnity and a cession of land to the Japanese.

War between Russia and Japan may be resumed within three days, declared an attaché of the Japanese mission at Portsmouth.

Japanese will grant freedom to all political prisoners at Sakhalin.

The Japanese have 430,000 infantry, with 1,800 cannon, facing Linévitch, according to estimates from the Russian lines.

The Japanese effected a landing at a port in Siberia and drove away a small force of Russians.

Gen. Linévitch reports a Russian retreat, the Japanese turning both flanks of his army.

Archbishop Placide Lewis Chapelle, succumbed to the yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans.

Orlin W. Potter, steel trust millionaire of Chicago, was killed by a train.

A project for a representative national assembly of Russians, to be elected by the people and to have large powers, is approved formally by Emperor Nicholas.

St. Thomas' Episcopal church, New York, one of the costliest religious edifices in America, was destroyed by fire.

The weather bureau's weekly bulletin on crop conditions shows winter wheat about all threshed, corn in excellent condition, good crop of oats harvested and cotton improving in many states.

Through the short circuiting of a controller box on the front of a trolley car on the Brighton Beach, New York line two persons were fatally burned and two others seriously injured.

African tribesmen burned many Portuguese villages and massacred the white settlers by wholesale.

The Crete voyage of Castelli was disastrous as a Russian warship became a landing party to take over the customs house was opposed.

After a jealous quarrel over a white man with whom she had lived as his wife, Mary Matthews (colored) shot and instantly killed Martha Martin, also colored, and then committed suicide in New York city.

One man was killed and six injured by a fire in an elevator being used to raise building material at a school building in Cleveland.

Frederick J. Mueller, the sixty-sixth victim of the Bennington gunboat disaster, in San Diego harbor, July 21, is dead.

Harry Haas, wanted at Darlington, Ind., on the charge of bank robbery, was arrested at Fruitdale, Miss., after an exciting chase over several states.

One man was killed and 14 reported injured in a head-on collision of trolley cars near Newark, Va.

The interior department at Washington has adopted the policy of leasing Indian lands for agricultural instead of grazing purposes, with the hope of deriving a larger revenue for the owners.

A disastrous fire swept through the business section of Winemuccoa, Nev., burning 12 business houses and inflicting \$30,000 damage.

Reports from Washington show that while grain shipments at important interior points were lighter this year than last, the live stock business totals somewhat in excess of first half of 1904.

Despite the efforts of his former friends and business associates the whereabouts of the missing Mayor William H. Belcher, of Paterson, N. J., have not been discovered.

Information is in the hands of the Chicago police that may lead to the unraveling of the automobile murder of last November, in which William Bate, Jr., a chauffeur, was killed by a mysterious man who went by the name of "Dove."

John Laughlin, former state senator and one of the best known lawyers of Brooklyn, N. Y., died suddenly of apoplexy.

Gov. Johnson, of Minnesota, has offered his services to disputants in the telegraphers strike and has urged settlement.

Attorney General Moody has telegraphed several United States district attorneys in the northwest to investigate the facts as to the interruption of telegraph service on the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads in view of the government's duty to keep unobstructed the avenues of interstate commerce.

Carl Jerome B. Osler, nearly 105 years old and a resident of Chicago since 1833, is dead.

Western bank, a state institution at Denver, Col., with deposits of about \$1,000,000, made an assignment because a run had been feared.

John Walters and his two sons were drowned in Hickory creek, near McCune, Kan., while trying to ford the creek with a load of hay.

A switch engine crashed into a way car at Emporia, Kan. The way car, which contained a number of stockmen, was demolished, and ten persons injured, one probably fatally.

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A fire on the piers of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad in Hoboken, N. J., destroyed the main depot, with its 600 feet of train sheds, the ferry house, a hotel nearby, the terminal of the street railway, a new immigrant station, burned two ferry boats and threatened the docks of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg American lines. The loss is estimated at about \$500,000. No lives were lost.

A run was started on the Denver savings bank, which owes depositors about \$2,000,000. The doors were closed, and thereafter depositors were allowed to enter one at a time and draw ten per cent. of their deposits.

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THE MYSTIC MAZE AT PORTSMOUTH.



SCOURGE SPREADS; DEATHS DECREASE

FIFTY CASES ARE NOW UNDER TREATMENT OUTSIDE NEW ORLEANS.

NEARLY 800 SUFFER FROM THE PLAGUE

No Yellow Fever Exists in Alabama or Mississippi—Much Work Done in Screening Cisterns—Casualties to Date Slightly Increased.

Yellow fever report: New cases in New Orleans since Thursday, 22. Total cases to date, 769. Deaths Friday, 7. Total deaths, 131.

New Orleans, Aug. 12.—There is practically no change in the fever situation in New Orleans Friday. While the reports of new cases continue at record figures and show that the disease is spreading, the death rate continues to decrease.

There is no fever in Alabama or Mississippi, the suspicious sickness reported Thursday at two points in the latter state being diagnosed as malaria.

Little Change Reported. Except for reports of the steady progress of the work of the federal authorities in their effort to get in touch with every nook and corner where disease may exist, the fever situation here was bare of developments Friday.

Warner Issues Report. Reports compiled by Dr. Warner show that a vast amount of work has been done in the matter of screening cisterns.

Concern About Insane. Some concern has been felt about the state insane asylum at Jackson, La., where there are 1,500 inmates, but Superintendent Hays reports that there is not a single suspicious case there.

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DENVER BANKERS ARRESTED

ARE CHARGED WITH VIOLATING STATE LAW

Said to Have Received Deposits When They Knew Institution Was Insolvent.

Denver, Col., Aug. 12.—Warrants were sworn out before the district attorney late Thursday afternoon against four officials and one clerk of the Western bank, which closed its doors on Tuesday.

The men are charged with violating Section 222 of the Colorado statute by receiving deposits when they knew the Western bank was insolvent.

This is a felony under the Colorado law. The warrant was sworn to by Elmer D. McColly, who said he deposited \$120 with the Western bank on Monday afternoon.

The warrants were served on all but one of the persons named and arrangements were made to provide bonds for each in the sum of \$15,000.

President W. D. Brown, Cashier, D. F. Blair, Assistant Cashier, H. M. Beatty and Clerk Mark Postlewait.

W. T. Perkins, for whom a warrant was issued, is absent from the city and he is thought to be in Chicago.

Beatty is now assignee of the bank. He has furnished bonds in the sum of \$1,200,000.

He has announced that the bank will be able to pay depositors in full and have a small dividend for stockholders.

TEXAN ACCUSED OF ATTACKING GIRL SUFFERS DEATH BY FIRE—LITTLE RESISTANCE BY OFFICERS.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Aug. 12.—A negro charged with attacking the daughter of a widow near this place was caught and burned at the stake in the courthouse square here Friday.

The deed was committed at an early hour Friday morning. When the town was alarmed about an hour later a posse of armed bursemen went immediately in pursuit of the assailant.

The country was scoured in all directions and the negro was finally captured. He was taken to the courthouse square, chained to a stake, and burned before an immense crowd of excited citizens.

The name of the negro was Tom Williams. He attacked a 14-year-old girl. Little resistance was made to the mob by the officers.

Twenty Face Death in Fire. New York, Aug. 12.—Twenty firemen were carried, burned and unconscious from boiling soap, five of them very badly parboiled, from a fire in W. H. Daggitt's soap factory in West Twelfth street Friday.

Tanks containing 70,000 gallons of soap fat exploded after a fire in the three-story building had been brought under control. The loss was \$50,000.

BOYCOTT CRISIS COMING. Shanghai, Aug. 12.—The alarm regarding the impending commercial crisis in consequence of the anti-American boycott is increasing now that the information has got abroad that President Roosevelt has instructed Minister Rockhill to warn the Chinese government that America will insist upon the full observance by China of article 15 of the Tientsin treaty of 1858.

Charged with Killing Mrs. Grayling, Mich., Aug. 12.—Mrs. Nomi Aldrich, of Fredeic, a little town north of here, was arrested and is in the county jail here, charged with the murder of her two little boys, aged 10 and 12 years. The theory is that the little boys were murdered to obtain \$50 life insurance that was carried on the lives of each.

Confess to Detroit Murder. Detroit, Mich., Aug. 12.—Harry Parker and Harry Johnson confessed to the murder of Pawabrook Joseph Moyer and were arraigned Friday in the police court, where they waived examination. They were bound over to the recorder's court. Neither man entered a plea in the police court Friday.

Bennington Probe Complete. San Diego, Cal., Aug. 12.—The court of inquiry in the Bennington disaster has completed its investigation, and the members will now prepare their report. This will be presented to Admiral Brodric and be forwarded to Washington, where, presumably, it will be made public.

Property Divided by Lot. The will of the Australian detective provided an unusual way for dividing property among his six children. His estate, about \$35,000, consisted mostly of realty. He ordered that six envelopes should be placed in a box, each child to draw one and have the portion of the property described on the paper inside the envelope.

Know They Are Pretty. Lots of women laugh only because it gives them a chance to show their teeth.

PRESIDENT WOULD CURB THE TRUSTS

ROOSEVELT SUGGESTS PLAN FOR NEW LAW TO CONTROL ALL CORPORATIONS.

DECLARES HIMSELF FOR FEDERAL SUPERVISION

In Speech at Chautauqua, N. Y., Chief Executive Makes Important Statement—Deals at Great Length with Monroe Doctrine.

Chautauqua, N. Y., Aug. 12.—President Roosevelt Friday made what is regarded as his most important speech since his inauguration. He declared that the time for leniency with the indicted Chicago packers had passed, discussed the corporation problem at length, and devoted considerable attention to the Monroe doctrine.

He set forth the United States' stand so plainly that no foreign nation could misinterpret his utterances. The significant statements regarding the packers was as follows: "In some cases, such as that of at least certain of the beef packers recently indicted in Chicago, it is impossible longer to show leniency." With this was coupled the declaration: "If the existing law proves to be inadequate, so that under established rules of evidence clear violations of the antitrust regulations may not be readily proved, defiance of the law must inevitably lead to further legislation."

Calls for Federal Supervision. The president denounced those corporations which are preventing the enforcement of the anti-trust law "by every device, legal and illegal." Then coming to the high note of his speech, he declared for federal supervision of all companies engaged in interstate commerce, saying the actions of the corporations were driving the people to drastic measures in self-defense.

"I believe," said Mr. Roosevelt, loudly and slowly and distinctly, hammering home every word—"I believe all corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be under the supervision of the national government. It may be that we shall find the only effective way of exercising this supervision is to require all corporations engaged in interstate commerce to produce proof that they are not parties to any contract or combination, or engaged in any monopoly in interstate trade in violation of the anti-trust law."

Stand on Monroe Doctrine. The president spoke in the amphitheater on the Chautauqua assembly grounds, addressing an audience of 7,000 persons, who came through a heavy rain to be present. The speech in part was as follows: "To-day I wish to speak to you on one feature of our national foreign policy, and one feature of our national domestic policy. The Monroe doctrine is not a part of international law. But it is the fundamental feature of our entire foreign policy, so far as the western hemisphere is concerned, and it has more and more been meeting with recognition abroad. The reason why it is meeting with this recognition is because we have not allowed it to become fossilized, but have adapted our construction of it to meet the growing, changing needs of this hemisphere. Fossilization, of course, means death, whether to an individual, a government, or a doctrine. It is out of the question to close our eyes and yet shirk the responsibility for exercising that right. When we announce a policy such as the Monroe doctrine, we thereby commit ourselves to accepting the consequences of the policy, and these consequences from time to time alter."

Mean What We Say. "Let us look for a moment at what the Monroe doctrine really is. It forbids the territorial encroachment of non-American powers on the lands of this continent. Its purpose is partly to secure this nation against seeing great military powers obtain new footholds in the western hemisphere, and partly to secure to our fellow-republics south of us the chance to develop along their own lines without being oppressed or conquered by non-American powers. As we have grown more and more powerful our advocacy of this doctrine has been received with more and more respect; but what has tended most to give the doctrine standing among the nations is our growing willingness to show that we not only mean what we say, but we are prepared to back it up."

Indian Kills Two. Mankato, S. D., Aug. 12.—Seach Flute, a Sisseton Indian, shot and killed Edward Peterson and Edward Colby, both of Sisseton, at Flute's home near Peever. Peterson and Colby went to Flute's home to take some personal property on which they claimed a mortgage. Flute said he would only surrender it on demand of an officer, and when the men set off the property Flute warned them to get off his premises. They continued to retain possession of the property, when Flute shot them.

Former Merchant Dead. Peoria, Ill., Aug. 12.—Edward Drouin, formerly a wealthy and influential merchant of Philadelphia, is dead in this city. Drouin married the daughter of the late S. H. Thompson, a wealthy wholesale grocer of Peoria, and inherited the entire fortune, which has since been lost. When found, his wife was apparently distracted by the death of her husband.

Highest Salaried Woman. The highest salaried woman in the United States is Miss Anna L. Amend, first assistant to Gage E. Tarbell, the second vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance society. Her salary is \$12,000 a year. All persons desiring to see Mr. Tarbell have to explain their business to Miss Amend first, and only one in ten gets by. She began in \$15 a week 12 years ago. Her motto to her relations with her employers and the persons subordinate to her is: "Make sense give a great deal farther than yingering."

GOPHER GOSSIP.

St. Paul—Judge Kelly holds that the city gambling ordinance is illegal. White Bear—White Bear and Pluto win the yacht races at White Bear.

St. Paul—The state closes a fiscal year with a deficit in the revenue fund of \$344,634.95. Duluth—Congressman Bode says the floods in northern Minnesota might have been averted.

Hastings—Magnus Shuholm was assaulted and robbed of \$30 by a footpad in front of his home. St. Paul—Fifteen thousand people a month, practically all sightseers, visit the new state capitol.

Kragness—Wm. Mutterer, a farm laborer, while swimming in the Buffalo river, was drowned. Duluth—Opposition is arising to the sale of \$2,000,000 Virginia bonds held by the state school fund.

St. Paul—"The Treaty of the Traverse des Sioux," by Frances D. Miller, is hung in the new capitol. St. Paul—The census figures show an increase of almost 50 per cent in the Indian population in the state.

Eveleth—John Aho, a Finn, 25 years old, was smothered by ore at the Pettit mine stock pile, five miles east of here. Brainerd—The state uses a lumber company to recover for the loss of fish killed and frightened away by a log jam.

Washington—C. A. Engelstead was appointed postmaster at Getzka, Marshall county, vice C. E. Johnson, resigned. Duluth—Four lives were lost by the capsizing of a small skiff on Swan river, five miles north of Verma, Itasca county.

Minneapolis—A movement is started to secure an endowment fund for a chair of forestry at the Minnesota university. St. Paul—The remains of a woman, supposed to be those of Mrs. Grace Adamson, of Minneapolis, were found in the river.

Minneapolis—Albert Erickson, 16 years old, was instantly killed while adjusting a belt in the C. A. Smith sawmill. St. Paul—Dr. O. Wellington Archibald, a prominent oculist and aurist, was found dead in the bathtub at his apartments.

St. Paul—The parents of three boys who borrowed and wrecked an automobile here to pay \$493 for repairs to the machine. St. Paul—The annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance union for the twenty-third district was held at the House of Hope.

Two Harbors—Ole Nastin, aged 24, employed as a teamster on the Indian reservation in Cook county, was drowned while in bathing. Ada—Directors of the Norman county telephone company are contemplating the purchase of the Ada, Halstad, Shelly and Twin Valley lines.

Minneapolis—Wheat deliveries at the Chamber of Commerce July 31 were 1,030,000 bushels, which quantity was taken over by millers principally. St. Paul—Governor Johnson has issued the annual Labor Day proclamation, designating the first Monday in September for fitting observance.

Winona—Articles of incorporation of the Security Bank of Lewiston, this county, have been filed with the register of deeds. It has a capital stock of \$10,000. Mankato—Alfred A. Buck of Mankato was preparing to go into the restaurant business in Havana when he was arrested. He says he will come back and "take his medicine."

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