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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.

Carroll D. Wright, the noted economist, is dead.

Mrs. Yerkes accuses her executor of paying her income with talk.

Harriman announces that he will spend millions on railroad extensions in the West.

English suffragettes are still busy in an effort to secure recognition before parliament.

J. M. Dickinson, of Tennessee, is said to have been selected as Taft's secretary of war.

The Utah senate has turned down a drastic anti-saloon bill for a more conservative measure.

A new branch railroad is to be built from Spokane to connect with the Crow's Nest Pass line of the Canadian Pacific.

Report says Ethel Roosevelt is on the verge of becoming engaged to William Phillips, third assistant secretary of state.

King Alfonso witnessed a flight by Wright in his aeroplane, but the ruler was forbidden to accompany the famous aviator.

Fire at Lyeolock, Nev., destroyed property valued at \$40,000 and for a time threatened destruction of the entire town. The lives of 26 people were endangered.

The courts have decided that the Snell fortune shall go to a niece.

Castro has left Berlin on account of the large number of beggars bothering him.

The United States sent \$1,000,000 in cash to the Italian earthquake sufferers.

Prince Ferdinand has asked the powers to recognize the independence of Bulgaria.

Guardians have been appointed for a German prince of the royal family because of his extravagance.

A number of the Danish royal family were on the cruiser which was rammed by a freight steamer.

Fifty villages and 50,000 acres of land are under water in Prussia as a result of the Elbe river being out of its banks.

Trains cannot get across the Rocky mountains in Colorado on account of the heavy snow. All roads have large gangs of men at work.

Grand Duke Vladimir is said to have been involved in a conspiracy to appoint a regency for the czar and an investigation had just started when he died.

An immense irrigation scheme is planned in New Mexico which will water 500,000 acres. The largest dam in the world will be built to store the necessary water.

Hill has incorporated a company to build a railroad in Canada.

Governor Gillett will sign the bill closing all California racetracks.

A permanent tariff reform organization has been formed at Indianapolis.

Three San Francisco firemen were injured while rescuing Chinese from a burning building.

English and Scotch suffragettes started a riot in an attempt to interview Premier Asquith.

The Kansas legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor by druggists except as used in prescriptions.

The California senate has gone on record as favoring election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

The International opium conference is in session at Shanghai, China, in an endeavor to devise plans to stop the use of the drug.

Frequent quarrels between opposing attorneys mark the progress of the Calhoun trial in San Francisco. The jury is not yet complete and 12 special verdicts have been exhausted.

The opening of the Portland gateway, so that passenger traffic from the East could go to the Sound over Harriman lines to Portland and from there over Hill roads, would affect railroads throughout the United States.

King Edward has opened the British parliament.

The senate is likely to recommend that half the navy be kept in the Pacific.

Explosion of gas in an English coal mine cost 180 lives.

Soldiers at Fort Worden, Wash., beat up the Port Townsend police.

King Alfonso is determined to make a flight in Wright's aeroplane.

An attempt to revive the anti-Jap school bill in the California legislature failed.

At the present rate a month will be required to secure a jury in the Calhoun bribery case.

MANY WIRES DOWN IN EAST.

Telegraph Companies Expect Weeks of Repair Work.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—In point of damage done, it was learned today that the storms of last Saturday, Sunday and Monday were the worst ever experienced by the telegraph companies and railroads. Thousands upon thousands of poles are still down, and hundreds of miles of wires are prostrate.

Throughout the states of Indiana, Ohio, New York, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and all of New England, telegraphic service is curtailed, and in sections discontinued. One Eastern railroad alone is said to have lost 80 miles of cable. Every repair man in the afflicted territory is still working to the limit, but reerecting poles in frozen ground is slow work and it will be weeks, it is said, before normal conditions are restored.

ENGULF PERSIAN HAMLETS.

Quakes Swallow Whole Villages With Inhabitants.

Tehran, Feb. 18.—The government of Burzurd, a town in southwestern Persia, has sent out agents to investigate the damage wrought by the earthquake of January 21. The center of disturbance apparently was two days' journey from Burzurd. Up to the present time only meager reports have reached here. The devastation is particularly severe in the mountainous region between Burzurd and Laristan province. It has been already established that 15 villages were wholly or partially destroyed and it is estimated that the total number will undoubtedly be more than 50.

Only a small proportion of the inhabitants of the area where shocks were most severe escaped. Some villages disappeared completely, and no trace can be found of the hamlets of Bahram and Leben. It appears that not a single soul belonging to these communities was left alive. A severe quake was felt at Ispahan, 100 miles away, the morning of January 23.

VON BUELOW IN CONTROL.

German Chancellor Again in Kaiser's Favor as Advisor.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Upon the solution of the finance problem depends the power and safety of the nation.

These words, spoken by Chancellor von Buelow, in an address delivered before the German Agricultural association, signaling the government's purpose to push the fight for the finance bill with increased vigor, taken with the chancellor's declaration that he "is likely to remain in office longer than his adversaries hope."

They are thought to mean that Prince von Buelow is again restored to favor, since it is improbable that he would make such a remark without the authorization of the Kaiser.

The forthcoming fight in the Reichstag promises to assume an acutely critical character, as every important feature of Prince von Buelow's plan for increasing the nation's revenue is violently opposed by one faction or another. On the other hand, the steady increase in the annual deficit in time of peace is creating a situation which the government feels to be impossible.

Object to Panama Line.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 18.—By a vote of 48 to 20, the amendment by Assemblyman Grove L. Johnson, of Sacramento, striking out all references to the report of United States Senator Joseph L. Bristow, of Kansas, special Panama Railroad commissioner, in the resolution by Senator J. B. Sanford, calling upon congress to establish a government owned line of steamships between California ports and Panama was made this afternoon by the lower house of the legislature. This places the assembly on record as being opposed to the proposed plan to establish a steamship line to compete with the Harriman interests.

High Honor to Dr. Angell.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 18.—Dr. James B. Angell submitted his resignation as president of the University of Michigan today and was offered by the regents the position of chancellor at a salary of \$4,000 a year, with the continued free use of the president's mansion. The duties of the chancellorship are to be such as suggested by the new president, and as Dr. Angell may be willing and able to perform. Dr. Angell recently celebrated his 85th birthday, and has been president of the university since 1871.

Forty Winks Wrecks Train.

Billings, Mont., Feb. 18.—Alleging that Engineer Belsinger, of the passenger train which was wrecked at Young's Point on the Northern Pacific railway, on the morning of September 25 last, sending 20 persons to death, was asleep, while the flagmen were trying to give him the signal of danger, James T. Hickey and Willard F. Smith, conductor of the freight train, were acquitted of the manslaughter charge tonight.

Porto Rico Given Tremble.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 18.—Heavy earthquakes were felt throughout the island of Porto Rico at 10 o'clock this morning. The inhabitants were awakened by the oscillations and their alarm was great. No damage was done, however. The vibrations lasted for at least 20 seconds, and the movement was from east to west. The weather today is very stormy.

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Saturday, February 20.

Salem, Feb. 20.—Both houses of the legislature cleared away all accumulated business before adjourning, but it was nearly 11 o'clock before all were finished. Appropriation bills amounted to \$1,100,000 more than the session of two years ago. A number of laws needed by the state were passed and several of the new measures will increase the revenues.

The house bill appropriating \$110,000 for new buildings and improvements at the Agricultural college passed the senate by a unanimous vote this morning.

The Weston, Ashland and Monmouth normal schools were all left in existence, but both houses refused to pass appropriations for their maintenance.

The house passed the game code practically as it came from the senate. Both houses passed a tuberculosis sanatorium bill carrying an appropriation of \$45,000.

The dairy inspector bill, which had been killed Wednesday, was reconsidered by the house and passed.

Only 12 members of the house voted for the bill creating a state highway commission.

Whether or not Oregon shall have a constitutional convention will be decided by the voters of the state at the election of 1910.

By a vote of 16 to 9 the senate refused to sanction the bill providing for an additional bank examiner.

Repeal of the grant to railroads of valuable tide lands in Lincoln county was voted by the senate this afternoon. Only four members opposed the measure.

Friday, February 19.

Salem, Feb. 19.—The senate this afternoon, on recommendation of the ways and means committee, killed in succession house bills appropriating \$100,000 each for Westn., Ashland and Monmouth, by indefinite postponement, rejected minority amendments to the Monmouth bill appropriating \$10,000 each for the normals for the rest of the school year, and \$70,000 for permanently continuing Monmouth.

Both houses have adopted the joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment for the division of the state into 30 senatorial and 60 representative districts, with one member from each district.

The army bill, practically the same as the people voted down last June, has passed both houses.

During the evening session the members of the house presented Speaker McArthur with a fine gold watch and guard.

County division fights will not bother the legislature hereafter, a bill having been passed leaving the matter to the voters of the district affected.

The house passed the bill raising appropriations for state fair premiums from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for two years. The bill had already passed the senate.

The senate bill for an experimental farm in Eastern Oregon has passed the house, carrying an appropriation of \$7,500 per year.

The water code bill was passed by the house with only one vote against it.

The insurance bill, creating an insurance commissioner, has passed the house. The measure will bring a net income of \$25,000 a year to the state, it is estimated.

The senate passed the house bill for extension of the portage road with only five votes against it.

At the 1910 election the people will have a chance to vote on the Eastern Oregon asylum, both houses having passed the bill.

The game and fish laws of the state are to be published and 10,000 copies distributed free, according to a senate bill passed today.

The bill abolishing secret societies in high schools has been passed by the senate and received the approval of the house today.

Thursday, February 18.

Salem, Feb. 18.—The senate killed appropriation bills today which will mean a net saving of \$101,091.69 to the state.

The senate bill exempting municipal bonds from taxation was passed by the house.

Reform taxation amendments allowing segregation of state and county taxation, as favored by the state grange, will be submitted to the people in 1910.

By a senate bill passed by the house today, minors will not be allowed to engage in any game of cards, pool or other public amusement in a public place.

The house passed the senate bill requiring that all male persons before securing a marriage license must present a certificate of health not more than 12 hours old.

Owners of bank stock are not to be made liable for the mismanagement of the bank or its debts, the house having refused to pass such a measure.

The senate bill requiring operators of warehouses to have storage rates plainly stated on receipts passed the house.

At the night session the senate passed

Buying Gilliam Sheep.

Cundin—Gilliam county and Cundin have been visited this last week or 10 days by four or five sheepmen from Montana and Wyoming. One Montana man from Fort Benton bought 10,000 head of mixed yearlings for April delivery to Cundin for \$4 a head with the wool on. The prevailing price for sheep is \$4 a head with the wool on and \$3 after being sheared. From all indications wool will be a good price this year.

ed the house bill appropriating \$7,000 for claims against the Drain normal school.

At the night session the house appropriated \$302,000 for improvements of state institutions at Salem and increased the agricultural college maintenance appropriation from \$50,000 to \$59,000 a year.

By the terms of the new military code bill Adjutant General Finzer will hold his place during good service, which practically means life.

Wednesday, February 17.

Salem, Feb. 17.—The governor sent a special message to the legislature today urging the passage of a constitutional amendment providing for state construction and operation of railroads.

Central Oregon is the territory the governor aims to help and such a bill is pending, but its passage is doubtful.

The house refused to consider the bill providing that county assessors should assess at actual value and fix the levy on a basis of 50 per cent of that amount.

The senate passed the house bill fixing a bounty on scalps of coyotes, coon, wildcats and wolves.

The charity appropriation bill as passed by the house carries a total of \$41,618.35.

Two examiners of state banks and two deputies are provided for in a bill passed by the house.

The house passed a bill abandoning the Drain normal and authorizing the regents to turn the property over to the common school district of Drain.

The senate passed a bill providing for a free ferry over the Willamette at Independence and another measure requiring all doors of public buildings and halls shall open outward.

The house passed a senate bill making 10 hours a day's work for females in telephone and telegraph offices.

The senate ways and means committee is not in favor of three normals and further changes may be made before the session is ended.

Tuesday, February 16.

Salem, Feb. 16.—Appropriations for \$115,000 passed in the house today, and for \$10,000 in the senate. Yesterday the total in the house was \$1,729,000 and in the senate \$726,000.

The house tonight reconsidered the vote by which the \$25,000 appropriation for the Alaska-Yukon exposition was defeated and passed the appropriation. At a late hour the house also considered and passed the \$200,000 appropriation for an Eastern Oregon asylum.

Appropriations for about \$1,000,000 more have passed one or both houses, and continuing appropriations of past sessions amount to \$500,000 additional, with allowances made for items in this session's budget. These figures show that the state expenditures for the next two years may exceed \$4,000,000, and will probably not fall short of that figure.

The senate today voted \$20,000 for buildings and grounds for a tubercular sanitarium; provided for a third judge in the Second judicial circuit; passed the Columbia river pilotage bill; put to a vote of the people the question of number and location of normal schools, and provided \$10,000 for a bridge across the Snake river at Ontario.

The house killed Orton's bank guarantee bill; authorized counties to levy not to exceed a 1/2-mill tax for advertising purposes; appropriated \$50,000 for Indian war survivors, and voted \$210,000 to the agricultural college.

Both houses will adjourn sine die Saturday and night sessions are being held in an effort to get all pending bills disposed of before that time.

Monday, February 15.

Salem, Feb. 15.—The house today passed the general appropriation bill for 1909-10. The deficiency appropriation bill was also passed and \$75,000 for extension of the state portage railway. A great many other measures got through, but for the most part they were of local character.

The senate was in a slaying mood and killed 13 bills. Some of them were important and on less strenuous days would have provided hours of debate.

The senate also passed the bill increasing the state fair appropriation from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year.

In the afternoon both houses and many pioneers of the state united in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the admission of this state to the Union. The exercises were held in the hall of representatives and many prominent men spoke.

At a session tonight the senate passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for one normal school at Portland, as opposed to the bills passed by the house for \$115,000 for three normals; cut down the agricultural college maintenance appropriation and voted down a bill for a new \$60,000 agricultural college at Union.

The appropriation bills passed by the house amounted to \$1,727,000, cutting the bills only \$2,440.

Revival of Hop Industry.

Salem—Hop contracts far in excess of the contracts for a similar period for last year, and advice received by growers and dealers here from every hop center in Oregon, indicate a wonderful revival of the hop industry. The prevailing price in contracts is 10 cents, and thousands of pounds are being contracted for by all the dealers here. Reports from Oregon City indicate a condition even more favorable to hoppers than that found here.

DEATHS MAY TOTAL 350.

Acapulco Dazed by Theater Horror. Due to Incompetence.

Mexico City, Feb. 17.—Late dispatches from Acapulco, where the Flores theater was burned while the structures were crowded at a performance given in honor of Governor Damascio Flores, of the state of Guerrero, are bringing varying estimates of the loss of life. They agree in declaring, however, that the dead will exceed 200, while some place the figure as high as 350. Most of the dead were burned beyond recognition.

Acapulco is dazed by the catastrophe. All business at the port has ceased, the shops have closed and the people are crowding the churches where masses are being celebrated for the dead.

The fire, which spread with incredible rapidity through the immense wooden and adobe structure, was due, it is charged, to the carelessness and inexperience of the operator of the moving picture machine. There was an explosion, a burst of flame, which ignited the bunting used for decoration, and in a few minutes the entire structure was in flames.

The exits were all in the front part of the building, which was almost immediately turned into a wall of fire and the people were entrapped. The women and children suffered most and comprise a majority of the dead.

A search of the ruins has thus far revealed no recognizable human form. Charred bodies, from which legs and arms have been burned, have been taken from the ruins, and as there was no chance of identifying them, all have been buried in a common trench.

DECLARES WAR THREATENED

California Legislator Says He Saw Letters to Prove It.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—That this country was on the verge of war with a naval power of the Orient recently was the assertion of State Senator Richard J. Welch, who is here with a legislative committee which is investigating the Isthmian canal project. Welch said:

"If you had seen the correspondence that passed between President Roosevelt, Governor Gillett and Speaker Stanton that I have seen, you would know that there was only a short time ago the danger of a conflict between two great naval powers of the Pacific."

This statement was made in answer to the argument of an opponent of the Isthmian canal project that supporters of the plan had attempted to gain support for it by maintaining that a government navy yard would be established at Hunters point. Welch insisted that such a navy yard would be built within the next ten years.

MONTANA STILL AFTER JAPS

Exclusion Memorial Expected to Pass—Segregation Fight Ahead.

Helena, Feb. 17.—After having canvassed the house thoroughly, Representative Norton, of Silver Bow, announces that the memorial of which he is the author, asking that congress continue in force the Chinese exclusion act and enlarge its scope to include all Mongolians, will pass the house by a large majority. There are many members of labor unions in the house, and many other members whose constituents are largely union men and they will, they declare, support the measure.

At the present time the bill is in the committee on labor, but a report will be made this week.

Speaker McDowell referred the bill which would exclude Mongolians from the public schools to the committee on military affairs and Norton declares he will have it re-referred to the committee on education. That this bill will not pass seems certain.

Argue Land Grant Case.

Los Angeles, Feb. 17.—Arguments in the Oregon & California railroad and grant case will be made on a demurrer in the United States Circuit court at Portland on March 1. Tracy C. Becker, special assistant to Attorney General Bonaparte in the prosecution of the Oregon cases, has just returned from the East and will leave tomorrow for Portland. The case involves about 2,300,000 acres of rich Oregon land, said to be valued at about \$40,000,000 at a low estimate. Mr. Harriman's California lawyers, W. F. Herring and P. F. Dunne, will appear against Mr. Becker and B. D. Townsend, who is associated with him.

Build Schools in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The minister of education today introduced a bill before the duma providing for a building fund for the erection of 148,179 new primary schools throughout the empire within ten years. These schools are to be built and maintained by the provincial authorities on government subsidy. A substitute providing for general compulsory education is to be discussed as soon as the agrarian debate is terminated.

No Boys to Be "Sporty."

Sacramento, Feb. 17.—The assembly passed a bill today by Grove L. Johnson making it a misdemeanor for a minor to attend a cockfight, prizefight or horse race, and fixing a penalty of \$50 fine or 25 days in jail for lessees or owners of places where such contests are held to allow minors to enter.

Four Caught in Mine.

Benton, Ill., Feb. 17.—Shaft No. 16 of the Deering Coal company, south of Benton, blew up tonight. The explosion wrecked and choked the main air shafts. It will be hours before aid can reach the four entombed men there. There is little hope for their lives.

CASH FOR COLUMBIA

Total Appropriations of \$950,000 Reported to House.

COAST STATES WELL CARED FOR

Beside Columbia, Bills Provide for Federal Buildings and Surveys of Yakima and Willamette.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Two bills reported to the house of representatives today carry an aggregate appropriation of \$950,000 for the month of the Columbia river. The sundry civil bill contains \$250,000 to complete outstanding contracts, and the river and harbor bill carries \$500,000 for new contracts, and \$200,000 for repairing and operating the dredge. The sundry civil bill also carries \$164,700 for completing the existing contract on the Celis canal.

The sundry civil bill also carries appropriations of \$114,400 for two double barracks and \$42,000 for a field artillery barracks at Vancouver, and \$2,000 for new barracks at Fort Stevens; and also items to complete public buildings at Eugene, \$20,000; La Grande, \$45,000; Spokane, \$75,000; and Walla Walla, \$40,000. Crater Lake park gets but \$3,000.

In the rivers and harbors bill no single channel or improvement is to be allotted more than \$50,000 out of the appropriation for emergencies.

Six hundred thousand dollars is appropriated for investigations, surveys, contingencies and incidental repairs for river and harbors for which there is no special appropriation. The most important waterways for which preliminary surveys and examinations are provided aside from the International Waterway across the Atlantic and Gulf coasts are:

Oakland harbor, Monterey bay, Wilmington harbor, Humboldt bay and the Sacramento and Feather rivers, California; Kahului harbor, on the island of Maui, and Kanapoe bay, on Kani island, Hawa i; the Chicago and Rock rivers, Illinois; the harbors and rivers at or near Chicago, including Chicago harbor.

Preliminary surveys of the Columbia, Yakima and lower Willamette rivers, in Oregon and Washington; Arco harbor, Porto Rico; Aransas Pass harbor and Sabin Pass and the Pat Arthur ship canal are also provided. Others are the Grand river, Utah; Tacoma harbor and the Columbia river, Washington.

MAKE VIOLENT THREATS.

Henry Warns Defense He Will Not Take Insults in Future.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Recalling the attempted assassination of last November, Francis J. Henry today charged that Henry Ash, attorney for Abraham Breef, knew of the intention of Morris Haas to shoot the prosecutor. The accusation was rung at the attorneys for the defense during one of the most heated exchanges that have occurred during the trial of Patrick Ahlbum, and before the session assumed its usual calm complexion. Judge William P. Lawlor had threatened two of the belligerent attorneys with imprisonment in the county jail. There were references to armed gun men, to the use of dynamite and to the prospects of imprisonment before the court succeeded in inducing both sides to lay aside the immediate basis of disagreement and cease their objectionable references.

WAR THREATENS TURKEY.

Hostile Races Ready to Fly at Each Other's Throats.

Constantinople, Feb. 20.—The oil troubles in Macedonia threaten to break out again as badly as ever and strong measures are needed to restore tranquility in Asia minor, especially in Diarbekir, Kaisariyeh and Bassora, where the Mussulmans and Armenians are about to fly at each other's throats.

One of the strange symptoms developing here is the fact that naval officers are holding meetings on all warships "to consider the attitude of the new minister of marine." Army officers are also holding meetings.

Turkey before long may be convulsed with massacres and civil war, although the pressure exerted by the menacing external situation tends to prevent an outbreak of internal strife.

Nevada Dooms Gambling.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 20.—By a vote of 26 to 19 the members of the Nevada assembly today ordered that the bill to prohibit licensed gambling within the state be made a special order of business next Wednesday afternoon. The committee on public morals reported the bill today, recommending that it be amended to make the bill effective from January 10, 1910, instead of from September 1, 1909. The bill is in this form will undoubtedly pass.

Grove Made National Park.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The president today signed the bill making the Calaveras big tree grove a national park. The pen which the president used was handed to Representative Smith of California, to be presented to Mrs. Lovell White, president of the California Outdoor Art league.