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WEEK'S DOINGS

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

War Minister Houtas, of Panama, has resigned.

The National Irrigation congress has endorsed the 1905 exposition.

Fourteen miners were killed by a coal gas explosion in the Fernie, B. C. mines.

The Japanese are reported to have blown up another Russian magazine at Port Arthur.

Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, will be offered a place on the civil service commission when he retires.

Colonel Breckenridge is very low as his home in Louisville, Ky. Hope of his recovery has been given up.

British fishermen expect to be well paid for the North sea outrage. Claims for over \$27,000 have been put in.

General Stoesel has asked for ammunition, and Russia is ordered that every risk be taken to meet his requirements.

Holland has advised Secretary Hay that it gladly accepts the suggestions that the peace conference be reconvened at The Hague.

Announcement has been made of the completion of the fund of \$600,000 for the erection of a national monument to the late President McKinley.

The National 1905 Irrigation congress will meet in Portland.

France's policy toward the Baltic fleet is causing Japan much concern.

A trolley car at Toronto running wild was struck by a freight car. Four people were killed and a number injured.

Henry Meldrum, ex-United States surveyor for Oregon, has been found guilty of forgery on 21 counts by a jury in the United States federal court.

Roosevelt has offered the attorney-generalship to ex-Governor Black of New York. His friends do not believe he will accept, as he aspires to the senate.

General Stoesel has informed the czar that he believes he can hold out until the Baltic squadron arrives. He says that, though hemmed in, the Russians hold all the main forts. His wound is only a slight one.

President Amadas, of Panama, has stolen a march on General Huertas by relegating the army to police ranks. The commander-in-chief will appeal to President Roosevelt. Minister Barlett, on account of intense excitement prevailing, will ask for an American ship to remain.

The weather around Mukden is growing colder.

French Minister of War Andre has resigned.

A complete Philippine exhibit for the 1905 fair is assured.

The last great attack on Fort Arthur cost the Japanese \$200,000.

The great system of canals planned for Prussia by the Kaiser finally seems assured.

Two masked men held up a miniature train inside the St. Louis fair grounds and secured about \$100 and escaped.

The inquiry which Great Britain is conducting on her own behalf in the North sea incident has opened at Hull.

General Stoesel's wound has necessitated his going to the hospital. He refuses, however, to relinquish command of the troops defending Port Arthur.

Civil service has been extended to all employees of the Panama canal commission, except those appointed by the president, day laborers and a few places which in nature are personal to the members of the commission.

Pension Commissioner Ware has resigned.

The Japanese continue to gain ground at Port Arthur.

Austria favors an arbitration treaty with the United States.

An extra session of congress to revise the tariff is probable.

Count Casani again declares Russia will carry on the war to the bitter end.

Ten scouts have been killed by Filipinos in an ambush on the east coast of Samar.

The hearse of "Hoo-Hoo," which was such a success at the St. Louis fair, will be a feature of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

The fifth trial of A. A. Ames, ex-mayor of Minneapolis, has been set for November 28. A special venire of 100 men has been made to select a jury from.

The American Federation of Labor is holding its annual convention in San Francisco.

Delegates to the National Irrigation congress declare themselves in favor of meeting in Portland in 1905.

The Pearson boat plant at Duluth, Minn., burned, causing a loss of \$150,000.

John H. Hall has been re-appointed United States district attorney for Oregon.

ROOSEVELT'S PLURALITY.

Will be Largest Ever Given Any Candidate for President.

Returns from all the states in the union, practically complete, though not official, show that President Roosevelt's popular plurality will be about 2,900,000, the greatest by far ever given any candidate for the presidency. The figures as they now stand are as follows:

State	Roosevelt	Other
Alabama	75,000	20,000
Arkansas	115,000	15,000
California	1,100,000	15,000
Colorado	15,000	15,000
Connecticut	35,197	15,000
Delaware	5,323	15,000
Florida	35,000	15,000
Georgia	42,999	15,000
Idaho	35,000	15,000
Illinois	305,000	15,000
Indiana	92,571	15,000
Iowa	194,000	15,000
Kansas	141,000	15,000
Kentucky	14,000	15,000
Louisiana	25,000	15,000
Maine	35,818	15,000
Maryland	109	15,000
Massachusetts	35,000	15,000
Michigan	20,000	15,000
Minnesota	120,000	15,000
Mississippi	30,000	15,000
Missouri	20,000	15,000
Montana	12,000	15,000
Nebraska	25,000	15,000
Nevada	3,000	15,000
New Hampshire	22,043	15,000
New Jersey	175,000	15,000
New York	2,500,000	15,000
North Carolina	50,000	15,000
North Dakota	25,000	15,000
Ohio	250,000	15,000
Oregon	45,000	15,000
Pennsylvania	450,000	15,000
Rhode Island	15,974	15,000
South Carolina	50,000	15,000
South Dakota	25,000	15,000
Tennessee	25,000	15,000
Texas	150,000	15,000
Utah	15,000	15,000
Vermont	30,319	15,000
Virginia	27,000	15,000
Washington	25,000	15,000
West Virginia	21,043	15,000
Wisconsin	120,000	15,000
Wyoming	7,000	15,000
Totals	2,900,000	502,999

Roosevelt's plurality 2,397,001

The Electoral College:
Theodore Roosevelt 228
Alton B. Parker 149

Roosevelt's majority 179
Maryland, 1 for Roosevelt, 2 for Parker.

The New Congress:
House of Representatives—250
Republicans 128
Democrats 122

Senate—67
Republicans 32
Democrats 35

NEW NOTE SENT TO PORTE.

America Tells Her She Must Fulfill Her Agreement at Once.

Constantinople, Nov. 17.—The American consul at Kharpout, Dr. Thomas H. Norton, has been instructed to proceed to the Turco-Persian frontier and watch the operations of the Turkish and Persian authorities who have undertaken to arrest the Kurdish murderers of the American missionary, Rev. R. W. Larabee, who was killed in April last.

Despite the port's repeated promises to the American legation not to permit vendors of bibles of the American Bible society to be molested, the local authorities at Angora, Trebizond and Ordu still detain the vendors who have sold their bibles, and threatened to arrest anyone attempting to sell them. The legation, therefore, has addressed a more imperative note to the port calling attention to this noncompliance with instructions which the legation has been assured had been given to surrender the bibles and not interfere with the work of the bible house, and demanding a prompt settlement, failing which the matter would be referred to Washington.

SLIPS BY TOGO.

Russian Ship Leaves Port Arthur During Storm.

Chefoo, Nov. 17.—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropov put into this harbor this morning. Firing was heard half an hour before she entered the harbor. A snow storm and high wind was prevailing at the time, and it is believed that the Russian vessel, under cover of the storm, made an attempt to escape from Port Arthur.

The correspondent of the Associated Press succeeded in reaching the destroyer after she arrived here, but he was not allowed to board her. The captain of the Chinese cruiser Hai Yung was the first person to go on board. He held a brief conference with her commander, after which the Rastoropov came further in the stream and anchored in the same spot that the destroyer Ryshbield did last August before she was cut out by the Japanese.

Sails With Cotton for Japan.

Seattle, Nov. 17.—It is reported from Vancouver, B. C., that the Canadian Pacific steamer company's steamer Athenian, formerly a United States government transport, has sailed from that port with a contraband cargo for the Japanese government. According to information received in Seattle, the vessel is carrying a shipment of 300 tons of cotton for the government arsenal at Tokio. Feas is entertained for the vessel's safety, as Russian agents have advised St. Petersburg authorities of the nature of the cargo.

Notifies China He Will Disarm.

Chefoo, Nov. 17.—The captain of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropov, which put into this harbor early this morning, has notified the Chinese authorities that he will disarm. It is believed that this decision was arrived at after communicating with St. Petersburg. There is reason to believe that Japanese cruisers have been watching the port, although a steamer which has just arrived saw no Japanese war vessels.

Fair Settles Debt with Nation.

St. Louis, Nov. 17.—The sum of \$191,850.81, the last installment on the federal loan of \$4,000,000 made to the World's fair several months ago, was paid into the United States treasury today by the exposition officials. This is the 11th payment.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

SALMON CAUGHT ILLEGALLY.
Clackamas People Call Situation to Attention of Representative.

Oregon City—Complaint of flagrant violations of the salmon fishing law are being made by interested Clackamas county people to Representative-elect C. G. Huntley, of this city, who, as a member of the state legislature, will seek to have corrected existing abuses and their repetition in the future. These complaints have been made to Fish Warden Van Dusen, who has declined to remedy the situation because of a lack of funds.

Fishing is by law prohibited within two miles of any hatchery, but this law is being notoriously transgressed. There is made a provision in the same law for the patrolling of the Clackamas river within the restricted districts about a hatchery, but fishing for salmon with nets is being openly carried on within one-half mile of the government hatchery near this city, with the result that the take of salmon at the hatchery will not exceed one-third that of last year. At this time last year, 10,180,000 eggs had been secured for the government hatchery, while 3,000,000 eggs have been taken this year. Of this season's taken Superintendent Wallick reports more than 1,000,000 eggs have been taken during the past ten days.

Much indignation exists among the people of Oregon City with present conditions, and local fishermen are known to be fishing in violation of the law for the reason that nothing has been done to regulate the practice at other places. Oregon City people view the situation as one of great importance to the industry itself, and question whether or not the government in its efforts to promote the propagation of this fish will not be discouraged by the lack of interest and the failure of the state authorities to provide the needed protection by enforcing the statutes as they are now framed.

DRILL FOR ARTESIAN WATER.

Bigger Engine and Outfit is Needed Near Pendleton.

Pendleton—J. W. Chaney was in town recently negotiating for the purchase of a 2,500 foot well drill. Mr. Chaney has a 750 foot outfit and a six horse power gasoline engine, but finds it too small for efficient work.

He is at present working on a well at the Furnish ranch, north of here, but work was suspended on account of losing a drill and a new well was started. In the old well a depth of over 700 feet was drilled with not a sign of water, while in the new one water was found at 150 feet and only a few yards from the location of the old one.

Mr. Chaney will purchase a 20 horse power engine for his new outfit and will be able to bore for artesian water. He prefers a gasoline engine, as often wells are bored many miles from a watering place, and it is much more convenient to haul gasoline than wood and water.

Frost Stops Brick Making.

Weston—The Weston brickyard stopped molding this week on account of the heavy frosts. Men are finishing the season's work and burning several kilns. Manager Clark Nelson says that this is the best year ever experienced.

Flour for Japan.

Milton—The Peacock milling company has just finished a shipment of 8,000 sacks of flour to Japan via Tacoma. This is the first flour shipped from this point to the Orient this season. More orders are expected.

Show Results of Irrigation.

Pendleton—Blanks for the reports of farmers residing on winter and spring irrigated farms and the results of such irrigation are being circulated among the farmers to be filled out and returned to the Pendleton Commercial association, there to be made into a general report and forwarded to the government. This is being done with the hope of interesting the government and to prevent it from abandoning the Umatilla irrigation project.

Busy Days at Flour Mill.

Pendleton—Pendleton flour mills are run to their capacity to fill flour orders for the local demand. Little flour is being shipped to the Orient, although W. S. Byers has had several contracts for the fall product. Small buys of wheat are being made constantly, but none of any consequence. All that is bought now must be shipped in by rail, as all grain tributary to Pendleton was purchased some time ago.

Coming Events.

Oregon State Conventional of County Clerks and Records, Portland, November 25-26.

Oregon Good Roads association, Salem, December 18-19.

Indian Empire Sunday School Institute, Pendleton, January 30.

Oregon Y. M. C. A. convention, Salem, November 25-27.

CITIES IN RACE.

Four Arc After the Next National Grange Convention.

Portland, Nov. 18.—Increasing attendance marked the second day's session of the National Grange convention.

Despite the heavy rain, a great crowd of Grangers is coming in from all parts of the Northwest, and the attendance will continue to increase during the remainder of the week. The climax will probably be reached tomorrow afternoon when the final degrees of the order are to be conferred.

Speculation is already rife as to where the next convention of the National Grange will be held. Several cities are after the honor. Among them are Washington, D. C.; Hartford, Conn.; Trenton, N. J.; and Milwaukee, Wis. Governor Farver of California, has sent an urgent invitation for the National Grange to meet somewhere in his state next year, but it is hardly probable that his invitation will find favor with the delegates, as the cost of coming to the Pacific coast is about \$5,000 more than it would be for the Grange to be held in an eastern city. The place for holding the next session will not be decided upon until some time next week. Yesterday's session was principally devoted to address by National officers and reports from state masters. The list of standing committees and order of business have been printed in pamphlet form for convenience of the delegates; the hall has been partially rearranged and fire and burglar alarm lights, so that the hall is more comfortable than it was on Wednesday.

Fruit was distributed yesterday to all the visitors, and there is now a cheerful air pervading among all present, as they are becoming better acquainted.

The most important address yesterday was that of the worthy overture, T. C. Atkinson, of West Virginia, second officer of the order.

The board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college invited the delegates to visit the college at Corvallis during the meeting. The invitation was accepted and a special train will take them next Tuesday.

NEW LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION.

Reorganization of Present National Body is Under Consideration.

Denver, Nov. 19.—A special committee has been appointed to draw up a plan of reorganization for the National Livestock association. President Hagenbarth has named Fred P. Johnson, of this city; W. A. Harris, ex-senator from Kansas; Y. Murdo McKenzie, of Texas; and Alvin H. Sanders, of the Breeders' Gazette, of Chicago, to act with him as a committee to frame a new constitution and by-laws for the new organization. This committee will report to a committee to be named by the convention when it meets here January 9 of next year. The committee chosen by the convention will consist of three members from each branch of the live-stock industry, and they will use the by-laws and constitution made by the special committee as a basis for their full report to the convention of a plan of reorganization.

While Mr. Hagenbarth is in Chicago he expects to secure the meeting of the National Livestock commission meeting for Denver for the same date as the three other livestock associations will meet there. This brings here 500 commission men from all parts of the country. Several other branches of the livestock industry will be represented also.

BIG PIER IS BURNED.

Boston Firemen Have Hard Time to Keep Fire From Spreading.

Boston, Nov. 19.—The London pier and shed of the Warren line, in Charlestown, filled with oil, wood pulp and other highly inflammable material, was completely destroyed by fire tonight, and it was only by the utmost exertion that the firemen were able to save the adjoining property. The big Hooac tunnel grain elevator and the White Star line pier, and a number of vessels narrowly escaped destruction. The entire north end of the city was deluged with sparks. At midnight the fire was under control. The loss is estimated at \$600,000, of which \$500,000 is on freight.

More Russian Ships Sail.

Libau, Russia, Nov. 19.—The second division of the Russian second Pacific squadron sailed today. It consists of the cruisers Oleg and Ismandar, the auxiliary cruisers Kuban, Terak and Orel, the cruisers Rion and Dupeier, formerly the St. Petersburg and Smolensk, and the torpedo boat destroyers Llanoy, Resit, Gromki, Gosny and Prosvorlyi. The division is expected to overtake Rear Admiral Volkosam's division by way of the Suez canal. The two divisions will thus be united before reaching Japanese waters.

Metcalfe May Step Up.

Washington, Nov. 19.—It is said tonight, on high authority, that Secretary Hitchcock will retire from the cabinet on March 4 next. He will relinquish his position without reference to his possible election as United States senator from Missouri. It is the general understanding that Victor H. Metcalfe, at present head of the department of commerce and labor, will be transferred to the interior department as successor to Mr. Hitchcock.

Shakhe River is Frozen Over.

Shanghai, Nov. 19.—According to advices received here the Japanese have advanced across the Shakhe river, which now has become frozen over. This is believed to have made possible a general advance on the Russian position and a battle across the Shakhe is thought to be imminent.

FOUR ARE DEAD

Explosion of Gas in Chicago Wrecks Buildings.

HOUSES SHAKEN BLOCKS AWAY

Overpressure in Tanks Caused the Accident—Wrecked Plant at Once Takes Fire.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Four persons were killed and a score injured today by a series of gas explosions that destroyed the plant of the Pyle Electric Head-light company. The shocks of the explosion were so severe that all the buildings near the demolished plant were damaged, and windows were shattered for blocks, while persons were thrown from their feet. Overpressure is believed to have caused the accident.

The Pyle company supplies illumination for railroad coaches. The illuminant is forced into small retorts, which, when attached under the floor of a car, will supply it with light for months. In order to make this possible the retorts are subjected to an extremely high pressure. It was such a tank that caused the first explosion. While workmen and wreckage filled the air, other retorts exploded in such rapid succession that it was almost impossible to distinguish the separate detonations. There were nine such explosions in all, and these left the plant in flames. The fire kept the department busy for several hours. The total loss to property is \$75,000.

IS 3,000 STRONG.

Great Throng in Attendance at National Grange.

Portland, Nov. 19.—Yesterday's attendance at the National Grange convention went up to nearly 3,000. Today bids fair to bring the largest number, owing to the fact that the three final degrees will be conferred this afternoon at the Empire theater. The sessions are growing more enthusiastic and much business is being transacted at every session.

There was no evening session last night, the various committees needing the time for their reports. The Army corps hall was thrown open after 5 o'clock to the general public, and the visitors held impromptu receptions among themselves. Many speeches were made and songs were sung, the occasion being one of the most enjoyable of the informal gatherings so far during the week.

Yesterday's business began with the annual address of G. W. F. Gannt, of New Jersey, assistant steward of the National Grange. Others addressing the meeting were: B. C. Patterson, of Connecticut; and the state managers from New York, Washington, Missouri, Delaware, Colorado and Vermont, who made reports upon the condition of their respective charges.

RUSSIA WILL NOT RESENT IT.

Favors Roosevelt's Peace Move, but Can't Join in White War on.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 21.—The Russian formal reply says a circular note regarding the convening of The Hague conference is not expected until next week. In the meantime the views of other powers are being ascertained through the Russian representatives abroad. While there is no reason to believe that Russia can agree to participate in a conference during a war there is every indication that she will not only not resent the proposal, but that her reply will be of a cordial nature.

In the course of a conversation on the subject between Foreign Minister Lamsdorf and Charge d'Affaires Eddy, of the American embassy, the former spoke feelingly of Russia's great interest in the work and aims of the peace conference initiated by Emperor Nicholas, and the important fact developed that it had been Russia's intention, had not the war intervened, herself to invite the powers to a second conference. While the war was in progress, however, Count Lamsdorf explained, it was a great difficulty to a fruitful discussion and to a decision in a question which might affect the activity of the present belligerents.

Canal Commissioner Resigns.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Frank J. Hecker has resigned as a member of the Panama canal commission. In his letter of resignation sent to President Roosevelt, Mr. Hecker said the climate of the canal zone is unfavorable to his health, and he felt constrained to resign. The president accepted the resignation, and in reply to Mr. Hecker's letter, paid the retiring commissioner a tribute, and expressed regret that his health would not permit him to serve any longer. Mr. Hecker is from Michigan.

Describes Situation as Critical.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Consul General Fowler today cabled the state department from Chefoo that the situation at Port Arthur is extremely critical, the outer forts having fallen into the possession of the Japanese. He also states that three Japanese torpedo boat destroyers are lying outside of Chefoo harbor, and that the Russian crew of the torpedo boat destroyer blown up are transferring their arms and supplies to a Chinese steamer.

Millions for Defense.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Constantinople says Turkey is ordering 100 new batteries of artillery from German, French and English factories at the cost of \$10,000,000. The Krupp company gets the largest contracts.