

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Aviation contests began at Los Angeles Monday.

Food is getting scarce in Chicago and prices are soaring.

Guggenheim proposes Federal control of the copper market.

Roosevelt and party have reached the land of the white rhinoceros.

Japan opposes Knox's plan for neutralizing the Manchurian railway.

When Pinchot left his office for good he was given an ovation by his employees.

Boston's strictly non-partisan political campaign cost the candidates about \$250,000.

A. F. Potter, successor to Pinchot, is a former sheep owner and an expert on range conditions.

A blasting accident on the Oregon Trunk killed several Italian laborers and wounded a contractor.

The national wool growers association in session at Ogden selected Portland for its meeting place in 1911.

Over one-third of the students in Tulare college is New Orleans have been found to be infected with hookworm.

A balloon with three men and two women reached a height of one mile and traveled 25 miles at the Los Angeles aviation meet.

Cardinal Satolli is dead.

The new chief forester is a Western man, formerly a grazing expert.

The paper board trust has been indicted for restraint of trade.

Many cougars and wildcats are being killed near Hoquiam, Wash.

A rumor that J. P. Morgan was dying almost threw Wall street into a panic.

Report of the French minister of justice shows an alarming increase in crime.

Secretary Knox dispels the dream of Mexico for a protectorate over Nicaragua.

Wool men in convention at Ogden cheered when told that Pinchot had been discharged.

For the third time a bomb has been found in the yard of a fashionable Denver residence.

Another rich woman in Philadelphia has come to the aid of the striking shirt-waist makers.

Chief Forester Pinchot, Assistant Forester Price and Assistant Law Officer Shaw were removed from office by the president.

Nine California men were killed by eating canned peaches.

A bill has been introduced for full registry and a ship subsidy.

A big land steal on the shores of Lake Michigan is being investigated.

Bloody finger prints on a railroad ticket led to the arrest of two French murderers.

Morgan's bank trust has absorbed another institution with a capital of over \$50,000,000.

A universal cold wave is spread all over the United States, but in Alaska it is unusually warm.

Insurgent Republicans in congress say patronage will be withdrawn from such as a punishment.

De la Grange, a noted French aviator was killed by the collapse of his aeroplane during a flight.

Representative Adair says a president who can't save money on a \$50,000 a year salary is not fit to manage the affairs of this nation.

A California observer figures that the earth will pass through the tail of Halley's comet May 18, but he does not venture to say whether any ill results will follow.

Archbishop Ireland defends King Leopold's administration of the Congo state.

Zelaya says he has abundant proof that American marines aided the revolutionists against him.

J. P. Morgan, T. F. Ryan and Levi P. Morton form a \$150,000,000 bank trust in New York city.

President Taft listened patiently to the committee of railroad presidents but will not change the tone of his forthcoming message to congress.

A millionaire cattleman of Texas gave his three children \$2,000,000 worth of property each for a Christmas present.

The barkeeper of an American hotel in Havana refused to serve two negro congressmen and a riot followed. Further trouble is expected.

It is claimed that the recent aeroplane carnival in France frightened all the birds from the vicinity.

Over 50,000 people attended President Taft's New Year's reception.

Postal deficit for 1909 is \$17,441,719.

Senator Cymmins of Iowa, opens campaign for further tariff revision.

United States government officials have planned a raid against nightriders of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Banker Morse begins a penitentiary sentence as convict No. 2814.

If mediation in switchmen's strike fails, 20,000 more men will stop work.

Daughters of the American Revolution have taken up conservation work.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock urges postal reforms to avoid a deficit in 1910.

AVIATORS HOLD HIGH CARNIVAL

Frenchman Astounds Multitude and American Outdoes Him.

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—Broken records, thrilling flights with and without passengers and four aeroplanes in the air at the same time, breasting a semicircle that sported dangerously with the delicate contrivances, made a thrilling finale for the 30,000 spectators at Aviation field yesterday afternoon that had promised only tame little feats of flight.

Glenn H. Curtiss, the silent American, defeated his mercurial French rival, Paulhan, in the keen race for honors, and shattered the speed record for passenger-carrying aeroplanes. Rising into the high wind that held the ponderous dirigibles of Knabenshue and Beachey helpless, the American flew a wide circle in front of the grandstand at the rate of 55 miles an hour, with his friend, Jerome S. Fanchuilli, beside him.

Not to be outdone, Paulhan took one of his mechanics into his machine and flew twice around the mile and a half course. He failed to equal the speed Curtiss had developed, though he covered more ground than his opponent.

In the beginning the intrepid little Frenchman seemed to have again monopolized all the honors of the day. Three he drove one of his big Farman biplanes around the course, disregarding the stiff wind blowing in from the sea. Then, in a tiny Bleriot monoplane, that looked like a huge horsefly, he gave the immense throng in the stands and boxes the first thrill of the day with an exhibition of nerve and daring that surpassed anything he has heretofore attempted.

Several times signs of apprehension and shrieks of nervous women rose from the crowd as the tiny machine, tossed by fierce gusts of wind, rolled and careened in the air. Every moment was fraught with danger so great that when the flight was safely over and the monoplane had landed, far across the field, the throng applauded wildly.

Apparently secure in his renewed role of star of the meeting and delighted by the applause Paulhan brought out his Farman and flew twice more, once going probably two miles north of the immense aviation field, over the trees of a contiguous suburb.

Curtiss, remained silent. Garbed in oil-spotted working clothes, an old cap and shoes that had seen duty, he spent his time tuning up the eight-cylinder motor on the biplane with which he won the international cup at Rheims. Never once did he look at Paulhan.

When the fourth flight of the Farman ended, the American's machine was trundled to the starting point and Fanchuilli hesitated Curtiss motioned to Fanchuilli to get in.

Climbing in beside his passenger, the aviator gave the word to his assistant. A pop and rattle like automatic artillery followed and the most remarkable flight of the day had begun.

Describing a wide circle in front of the grandstand, Curtiss flew at all angles of the wind, giving his manager a thrilling flight. He landed almost at the spot from which he started.

Lieutenant Paul Beck, of the army signal corps, one of the judges, announced that he figured the speed at 55 miles an hour. When the record-breaking figures were posted, the crowd went wild. Shouts and cheers rose from the seats, automobile sirens shrieked and hats were thrown up in the air to be blown away by the wind.

Paulhan, standing beside his biplane on the side of the field, saw the performance through binoculars. He dropped them suddenly, gesticulating wildly as he rattled off instructions to his crew, sending them racing to start his motor. Then he mounted his seat and rose majestically. At the same time Willard and Hamilton brought their machines to the start in front of the grandstand. As they rose, Curtiss bowed to Clifford Harmon, the New York sportsman and balloonist, and swept upward again. The four aeroplanes circled the course and the crowd cheered with renewed frenzy.

Paulhan landed in a few minutes, determined to regain some of his lost laurels. He ordered one of his assistants into the seat with him. Then he arose and twice circled the circuit, his great biplane soaring as gracefully with the extra man as it had done with Paulhan alone.

In quick succession, Curtiss tried for a starting record and a record for landing. He succeeded in establishing both, but Willard, coping next to the trial at landing, beat the best his chief could do. Curtiss, however, set a new record for getting away, rising from the ground 98 feet from the start in 2.5 seconds from the time his engine started.

Paulhan tried to beat both marks, but the best he could do was to rise in 12 1/2 seconds from the time his engine started, and his machine ran more than 100 feet along the ground before it rose.

Kaiser Sees Big Deficit. Berlin, Jan. 12.—Emperor William opened the Prussian diet today. The proposed legislation, outlined in the speech from the throne, includes a bill for the reform of the election law and another to counteract the tendency of the laboring classes to desert the farming districts. The speech foreshadowed a considerable deficit in the forthcoming budget, due chiefly to an increase of \$50,000,000 in the salaries of government employees. The Reichstag reconvened today. The budget shows a deficit of \$23,000,000.

Harders Die in Storm. Casper, Wyo., Jan. 12.—Belated reports from the snow-bound range country indicate that a number of sheep herders met their end with their flocks in the extremely cold weather of December. Antonio Galorize, who stuck to his sheep through a blizzard lasting 24 hours, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia after reaching camp. Tom Mahoney, who drifted toward a storm of three days and nights, had both hands and feet frozen.

Cannon Is No Quitter. Washington, Jan. 12.—Speaker Cannon, when asked about a report he would not be a candidate for the speakership of the next congress, declared today that he would quit public life when his constituents failed to elect him next before, and that he had the slightest intention of resigning from the speakership.

HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

WET 65,000 ACRES. LAND READY FOR WATER.

Big Project in Baker County Only Waits for Settled Weather.

Baker City—With the opening of spring work will begin on the two reservoirs planned by the Powder Valley Irrigation company, the main reservoir being situated in the Thief river valley, located on the old Fisk and Gilbert ranches, seven miles east of North Powder and 20 miles north of Baker City. This reservoir will conserve 60,000 acre feet of water. The other reservoir, is to be situated about 30 miles northwest of Baker City, at the half way house on the Union stage line, near Sanger, and will conserve about 24,000 acre feet of water.

When completed, the entire system will irrigate about 65,000 acres of land, extending from the Miles bridge east to what is known as Table rock, or five miles east of Goose creek, on both sides of Powder river, covering a strip of fine land about 30 miles wide. The immensity of this irrigation scheme can hardly be realized, but the difference in the amount of hay, grain of all kinds, fruit and what not, that will be produced on these broad acres in the very near future, will tell the tale in the farmers' bank accounts.

Improvements on O. R. & N. Coyote, Umatilla, May Be Divided—Umatilla May Be Abandoned.

Pendleton—It now seems that the long pending Coyote-Echo cutoff on the O. R. & N. is to become a reality soon. Rumors are current here among railroad people that the sum of \$707,946.25 has been appropriated for that purpose. This, coming on the heels of the announcement that \$1,020,000 has been set aside for elimination of curves between Youkou and Pendleton, means that the O. R. & N. contemplates the expending of nearly \$2,000,000 on improvements in Umatilla and Morrow counties, as it is now understood that the big cutoff is to be made from Coyote to Echo, via Stanfield, that will eliminate 8.8 miles of present trackage. Coyote is to be made a terminal, as it is understood the order calls for terminal improvements, including a ten stall roundhouse. The general understanding is that, as far as the main line is concerned, Umatilla will come to be a division point. It is a matter of speculation as to what route the cutoff will take, as engineers have surveyed three possible routes. As to the improvement between this city and Youkou, it is said the work will reduce the distance 1 1/2 miles. The maximum curve will be about four degrees, while at present it is ten. The stretch of track at Horseshoe curve will be brought up to a standard roadbed.

Northern Umatilla Gets Telephone. Pendleton—After many years of waiting the Holdman country is to have telephone communications with the outside world. The work of distributing the poles has been started and the stringing of wires will follow in a few days. It is said that the line will be in operation by the first of February. This line is considered important for the reason that it will cover a vast expanse of country which has hitherto been without wire communication. The main line will be 20 miles long, will consist of four wires and will be put up in a very substantial manner. In addition to the main line there will be numerous feeders added from time to time until the whole northwestern part of the country is covered. To begin with, 18 ranches will be supplied with the phones, but it is expected that this number will be rapidly increased.

Defective Lemons Destroyed. Roseburg—California lemons covered with parasite, known as oyster shell scale, has been discovered in Roseburg by the fruit inspector. The lemons were shipped to a Portland commission firm. Acting on instructions from District Horticultural Commissioner Carson, Grants Pass, Inspector McCall had them destroyed. Carson stated that if California lemons continue to send such fruit into the state, Oregon will have to compel an inspection before sale. This is a condition already imposed by California on fruit shipped from Oregon.

Railroad Needs Men at Medford. Klamath Falls—Advices from Medford state that there is work for 500 men on the extension of the Pacific & Eastern railroad. This is the line recently taken over by men supposed to represent the Hill interests. Work is being done on the road beyond Eagle Point through the timber in the direction of Crater Lake, and it is reported that this is to connect with the Hill road from the Deschutes, which is to open up Crater Lake and extend from Medford to the timber section in Curry county.

Pendleton Debates to Start. Pendleton—The preliminary debating for the high school league will commence on the evening of January 14, and on that evening Pendleton will have two teams on the rostrum. One will debate the Athens high school in this city, while the other will meet Western. The subject for debate is, "Resolved, That life imprisonment, with restrictive power of pardon, should be substituted for capital punishment in the state of Oregon."

Coo's Bay Men Better Off. Marshfield—Men Adopt Slogan. Marshfield—Men Adopt Slogan. Marshfield—Men Adopt Slogan. Marshfield—Men Adopt Slogan.

Wallows Postoffice Goes Up. Wallows—Postmaster Tully has received notice that the Wallows postoffice will be placed in the third class list January 1, and that his salary will be increased to \$1,200 per annum. The advance is due to the rapid increase of business which this office has shown.

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Macrum Residence Sold. Forest Grove—One of the largest real estate deals in this city for some time is under way, whereby Messrs Verboven and Schultz will transfer to Portland parties the Macrum residence and one block of ground for a consideration of \$10,000. This residence is one of the largest and most expensive in Forest Grove, and was erected by the late I. A. Macrum, a banker of Portland. The present owners obtained acres when they purchased the property, which they have platted into town lots.

Woodburn Asks \$10,000 for Armory. Salem—F. W. Settlemer, captain of Company I, Oregon National guard, located at Woodburn, has asked the county court for Marion county for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting an armory in that city. Captain Settlemer sets forth in his petition that the state military board will set aside a similar sum so that a creditable building can be built at Woodburn adequate for all purposes.

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FRANCE FAVORS OPEN DOOR.

Doubts, However, Whether Knox's Position Can Be Maintained.

Paris, Jan. 11.—Although France favors the preservation of the open door policy and Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria, it considers that the issues raised by the American proposition to neutralize the Manchurian railways primarily concern Russia and Japan.

The French reply to the American memorandum, therefore, is likely to be determined by the attitude of Russia, France's ally. The French press regards the question as complicated. The Figaro thinks the United States is trying to retrieve the mistake of 1904-05, when it backed Japan to get Russia out of Manchuria, only to find that Japan had supplanted her there without benefit to the open door.

"Even if Russia accepts," says one paper, "Japan is not likely to agree. England is bound by a Japanese alliance, and a similar reserve is imposed upon us for like and other reasons."

The Matin believes that France will follow England's lead.

Giil Bias expressed the opinion that the situation is filled with gunpowder, and declares that the real issue is commercial supremacy in China, for which the United States and Japan are struggling. It says that the entire aim of American diplomacy is directed to that end, and insists that the United States has pushed China to resistance in every struggle with Japan.

"Even after the arrangements of October 4, last year," continues the paper, "in which China agreed not to construct a railroad in competition with the South Manchurian, American support comes forward for the construction of the Chin Chow Fu-Taitai-khai line."

"Now America proposes to go further and force Japan back into Corea, and thus render effective Chinese domination of Manchuria, which today is purely nominal."

"Secretary Knox's arguments dwell upon the advantages of terminating the cause of constantly renewed disputes in Manchuria, but it is proper to ask whether the aim of the United States is always to benefit humanity and not to the promotion of her own interests. Tokio must give the answer. Already the Yankee policy has compelled Japan to take the military precautions that so greatly alarmed Russia. Japan knows how to act quickly. Therefore the Japanese response will be awaited with inquietude."

MULLIONS POSTAL GAIN. Increase Over 1908 Is \$12,085,730, or Six Per Cent Advance.

Washington, Jan. 11.—As a business institution the postoffice department, next to the United States treasury, is the greatest in the government. According to figures submitted today by