

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.

Prince Ito says Japan will help China to become a modern nation.

Mexico is preparing for an outbreak that is expected in the south.

More earthquakes have occurred in Greece and the people are panic stricken.

Despite the assertion of officials, the streetcar strike at Pittsburgh, is far from settled.

Professor Matteucci, director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius, died while at his work.

An Italian laborer on a railroad in Colorado became enraged and fatally shot three of his countrymen.

James J. Hill says if the people would pay less attention to the new tariff the country would be better off.

Count Boni says he is to marry Marjorie Gould, daughter of George Gould and niece of the count's former wife.

British Columbian officials are charged with discriminating against American halibut fishermen and favoring the Japanese.

The government is to issue bonds for the entire cost of the Panama canal.

A slight earthquake was felt at Sanat Barbara, Cal., but no damage done.

An American is sure he recognized Leon Ling, murderer of Elsie Sigel, in London.

A strike may be declared by all employees of the American Smelting & Refining company.

Mrs. Eddy, founder and leader of the Christian Science denomination, has just passed her 88th birthday.

All miners in England may go on a strike in support of the Scotch miners who are fighting a reduction in wages.

Eight anarchists arrested at Stockholm on the charge of having conspired to assassinate the czar of Russia, have been exiled.

The Japanese government has not yet decided whether or not Ambassador Takahira will be continued as ambassador to the United States.

The Union Pacific railroad has claimed a 200-foot strip of land through the town of Brighton, Col., which is now covered with store buildings.

A son has been born to the Princess de Sagan.

The shah of Persia has fled to Russia for protection.

Over 14,000 coal miners are on strike at Pittsburgh, Kan.

Hanover, Germany, police have started a war on long hats.

Anarchy rules in Morocco and Spain will send 8,000 more troops in an effort to restore peace.

The Interstate Commerce commission has ruled that express rates in the West are exorbitant and has ordered sweeping reductions.

Unless rains come soon farmers of the New England states will face disaster. There has not been enough water for the crops and they are said to be burning up.

Immense quantities of asphaltum have been found on the Shoshone Indian reservation in Colorado and a stampede to stake out claims and secure land is taking place.

In the hearing for the release of Thaw from the insane asylum on the ground that he is now sane, Mrs. Thaw testified that he threatened to kill her and fears his deadly enemy.

A California couple was married in an automobile in an effort to find some novel way.

The English house of lords does not favor the conscription plan of increasing the army.

Nationalists are in full control of Teheran and have summoned the Persian parliament.

Following Roosevelt's policy, Taft has withdrawn a number of water sites on public domain in the West.

Secretary Ballinger denies that he has quarreled with Secretary Wilson and says their relations are the best.

The commanders of Adana are to be court-martialed for alleged complicity in the Armenian massacres of last April.

Two trunks, said to contain the books of Heinze and the United Copper company, have been seized by government officials.

Heat in the East is again claiming children as its victims.

A man has been sentenced to serve seven years at San Quentin for his many marriages. He admits having been united to about 20 women during the past three years.

Floods around Kansas City have delayed mails.

Taft and congress leaders have agreed to reduce the corporation tax from 2 per cent to 1 per cent.

EXILES GET FREE.

Siberian Convicts Land in Alaska but Are Not Wanted.

Cordova, Alaska, July 19.—The St. Croix has brought here 100 Russians, part of the 300 landed at Nome by the Russian steamer Vaarg and held up as the result of a Nome mass meeting, but finally landed when it was found they had the necessary amount of money. Cordova objects to their landing and they may be taken to Seattle.

Among the party are several who are believed to be members of the band of political convicts who escaped from a penal colony in the interior of Siberia several months ago and who on June 20, were reported to be working their way toward East cape, on the extreme Eastern coast of Siberia in an effort to cross the Behring straits and reach America.

The men believed to be the escaped convicts are wearing old Cossack uniforms. These men have been keeping their own counsel, refusing to communicate even with the other Russians who came down from the North with them.

The party reached Nome from Siberia on the Russian steamer Vaarg. After arriving in Nome the men re-embarked on the steamer St. Croix, and came to this port, where they asked for work in the construction camps of the Copper River & Northwestern railroad.

The uniforms worn by the men supposed to be the escaped political exiles show very hard usage. It is believed the clothes were taken from the guards killed in the battle at Chupotok, near the Arctic circle last March, when the convicts defeated a company of pursuing Cossacks.

The Russians who came from Nome on the same vessel with the suspected men profess to know nothing of their identity, and share the belief that they are the survivors of the band of exiles who were fighting their way across 1,500 miles of Siberian waste.

50,000 WANT LAND.

Rush of Applicants for Indian Lands Beginning to Slacken.

Spokane, Wash., July 19.—The number of applications for reservation lands Saturday was somewhat smaller than on the preceding days, not only here, but in Coeur d'Alene, Missoula and Kalispell. In Spokane, about 5,500 applications were filed; in Coeur d'Alene, 5,500; in Missoula, 2,300, and Kalispell, 1,500.

The total for three days in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene is a little over 23,000 each. The crowds at the hotels are easing off and it appears that many who have come West to file are passing through to Seattle to see the exposition first and are planning to apply on their way back.

At Coeur d'Alene, where serious trouble among the notaries was threatening, an agreement has been reached whereby all will get together, banish competition and pool receipts.

Notaries here say that about one out of every 10 applicants is a woman, in almost all cases from the East seeking a home in the West. Many of the men who apply look upon it as a huge gamble. The women, however, are in earnest. Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa are the outside states most largely represented.

The grand total for three days of registration is about 56,000.

CHINA MAKING PROGRESS.

Rockhill Says Boycott on American Products Has Ceased.

San Francisco, July 19.—William W. Rockhill, recently American minister to China, who has been promoted to the position of ambassador to Russia, arrived here today on the steamer Tenyo Maru, accompanied by Mrs. Rockhill. After a short stay in Washington he will proceed to his new post of duty at St. Petersburg.

Referring to present conditions in the Orient, Mr. Rockhill said that China was making great progress in every direction. Political quiet prevailed, and the industries of the country were flourishing. There was no longer any boycott or prejudice against American products, and trade relations with this country were of the most satisfactory character.

Narsen Ready for Arctic.

Christiana, Norway, July 19.—Dr. Fridtjof Narsen is ready to start on a new expedition into Arctic waters in his private yacht Veslemoy, which has been furnished with ice-sheathing and otherwise specially equipped for the voyage. He will continue his oceanographic investigations, paying special attention to currents and the warmth of the water at the surface and at great depth. These currents, it has been proved, have a decided effect on the climate and fisheries of Norway. His trip will be to Iceland and Greenland.

Radium \$570,000 an Ounce. London, July 19.—An ascertained commercial value of \$20 per milligramme (equivalent to \$570,000 an ounce) has been placed upon radium by a contract just entered into between the British Metalliferous mines and Viscount Iveagh and Sir Ernest Cassel for the supply of seven and a half grammes of pure radium bromide. This is the largest order ever given for radium, and it will come from the Cornish pitch blende mine.

140,000 Barrels of Oil Burn. Bartlettville, Okla., July 19.—A serious oil fire raged here today. After two tanks each containing 55,000 barrels of crude oil belonging to the Prairie Oil & Gas company, had been destroyed, cannon was used all day in an endeavor to check the flames.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WATER UMATILLA LAND.

Government Considering Hugo Irrigation Project.

Pendleton—Official confirmation of the investigation of the large government irrigation project to reclaim 60,000 acres of arid land in Western Umatilla county came from Chief Engineer of Reclamation Service A. F. Davis and D. C. Henny, supervising engineer of the Northwest. These men were seen as they were passing through this city recently and both admitted that the government had ordered tests and complete investigation of the prospective project.

The project, they said, was one of about a dozen now under investigation in Oregon by the reclamation service. The most feasible will be undertaken as soon as money is available. While they would not say that the Umatilla project was most feasible, there are known to be many conditions in its favor. The new project would be practically an extension of the Umatilla project centering about Hermiston.

The water for the new project would be secured by building a giant reservoir to collect the surplus waters of Butter creek and Umatilla river. It is estimated that 60,000 acres would be reclaimed.

EXHIBIT TO BE SAVED.

Plans Made to Preserve Oregon Display at A.-Y.-P. Fair.

Seattle—Practically the entire exhibit of the state of Oregon at the A.-Y.-P. exposition, with whole sections of the interior decorations of the building, will be removed to Salem, Or., and made a permanent part of the Oregon state fair, according to plans discussed by the Oregon commissioners during the visit of Governor Benson to the exposition.

Governor Benson will probably suggest to the next Oregon legislature the idea of taking the Seattle display to Salem. The cost has been figured about \$10,000 and for this expense two-thirds of the \$100,000 display in the Oregon building could be preserved. The elaborate decorations and panorama worked in Oregon grains, the handsome wood panelings and other decorative features of the interior of the Oregon building will be moved intact, if the plan is carried out.

It is believed at the close of the exposition the Oregon building will be presented to the state university.

Form New Phone Company.

Ontario—At a called meeting of Ontario citizens an independent telephone company was organized. It will be incorporated for \$10,000. The Bell company recently removed its toll station from here to Payette, Idaho, and the citizens, desiring better service, subscribed several thousand dollars for a new company in which the members of the Boise Independent company will be stockholders. Nearly every citizen of Ontario is a stockholder in the new company. Officers and directors were elected, also a committee on bylaws to file incorporation papers.

Trolley Line for Rogue.

Jacksonville—The Jackson County Light & Power company has been granted a franchise over the roads of Jackson county by the County court of Jackson county. The company in its petition asks for the right to erect electric light poles along the highways in certain townships for conducting light, heat and motive power. It is the intention of the company to begin at once the construction of an electric railway to traverse the Rogue river valley.

Sumpter Extension Work Announced.

Salem—Official announcement has been received by the railroad commission that actual operations have started toward construction of the extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad from Austin to Prairie City, and that the work would be rushed. Following the recommendations of the commission, the Sumpter Valley has issued a new tariff by which flour, salt and sugar may be carried in mixed cars, with a minimum weight of 30,000 pounds.

Water Suits Stir Echo.

Echo—Joe Ramos, whose alfalfa fields are one mile up the river from Echo, is defendant in an injunction suit brought by the Henrietta Milling company, of Echo, to prevent Ramos from placing a dam across the river just above the company's headgates. There is much litigation to be threshed out before determining the rights of water users from the Umatilla river at this place.

Mill Will Remove to Kalama.

Rainier—The big plant of the Willard Case Lumber company has closed, and as soon as a small lot of planing is finished, the task of moving the plant to Kalama will begin. The company had intended to finish cutting out their timber at this place, but owing to some legal tangle with local parties, have concluded to raft their logs from here to Kalama.

Dufur Farmers Organize.

The Dalles—Articles of incorporation of the Farmers' Union Warehouse company, of Dufur, have been filed with the county clerk by Theodore Buskull and Lester D. Kelly, of Kingsley, and Alex Strachan, of Dufur. The capital stock is \$4,000, divided into 800 shares of the par value of \$5 each. The headquarters of the company will be at Dufur.

BLIGHT IN DOUGLAS.

Pear Orchards Are in Danger From a New Pest.

Roseburg—A deadly blight on the pear orchards of this county that will require for its eradication more attention than one man could possibly give, has caused the county court, at the suggestion of District Horticultural Commissioner A. H. Carson, of Grants Pass, to appoint two fruit inspectors for Douglas county. The appointments fall to F. A. McFall, of this city, and E. F. Whitney, of Oakland, both of whom were recommended by Mr. Carson, who appeared before the court in person.

This blight, a species of fungus that emits a gum like substance, has practically destroyed the greater part of the fruitgrowing industry in the Eastern and Middle Western states and has given the Pacific coast orchardists a hard battle. California pear growers triumphed over it after having once given up. Then the blight reached the famous Rogue river valley in Oregon. The orchardists there promptly secured the services of two government experts, O'Gara and White, and these two men are now in that valley aiding the fruit growers to stamp out the pest.

Several months ago the blight began to be noticeable in the Umpqua valley, particularly around Roseburg and Winston. Then orchards in other localities became affected, until the present day sees the pear industry in this county threatened with damage unless the growers take action under proper instruction at once. Mr. Carson explained to the court that the blight can neither be prevented nor killed by spraying.

What causes it is not known, and there is only one way to get rid of it, and that is by burning the affected tree or branch immediately upon discovery of the blight. This has already been done in a number of instances.

Delegates to Irrigation Congress.

Vale—C. O. Thomas, president of the Vale Commercial club, and J. P. Dunnaway, cashier of the First National bank of Vale, have been chosen by Vale as delegates to the irrigation congress at Spokane this month. They will further the interests of the Malheur irrigation project. The project has been before the people of Malheur county pending Secretary of the Interior Ballinger's choice between the private companies and the government.

Cross Ties for Panama Road.

Portland—Oregon lumbermen have the opportunity of aiding in the construction of the Panama railroad. E. C. Giltner, secretary of the chamber of commerce, has received from the railroad commission requests for bids on 150,000 cross ties for delivery at Colin or the Port of Ancon. Indicating that construction work is to proceed rapidly, it was urged that bids be submitted as soon as possible.

Wallawa Fruit Inspector Named.

Wallawa—Ford C. Potter has been appointed fruit inspector for this county by the County court. Mr. Potter has had wide experience in fruit and berry culture and is thoroughly conversant with the various fruit pests. His services will be of great value to the fruit raisers of this valley.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, nominal; club, \$1.17; valley, \$1.17.
Corn—Whole, \$37 per ton; cracked, \$38 per ton.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@42 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@22 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@23; mixed, \$16@20; alfalfa, \$14.
Grain bags—5¢ each.
Fruits—Strawberries, \$2.25 per crate; cherries, 2@8¢ per pound; gooseberries, 4@5¢; apricots, \$1.75 per box; currants, 8¢ per pound; loganberries, \$1.40 per crate; raspberries, \$1.25@1.40; black caps, \$2; blackberries, \$2.
Potatoes—\$1@1.75 per hundred; new, 2 1/4@2 3/4¢ per pound.
Vegetables—Beans, 6¢ per pound; lettuce, head, 25¢ per dozen; onions, 12 1/2@15¢; parsley, 35¢; peas, 5@7¢ per pound; radishes, 15¢ per dozen.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 28¢ per pound; fancy outside creamery, 26 1/2@27 1/2¢; store, 18¢. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2¢ per pound under regular butter prices.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 28¢ per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 14@15¢ per pound; springs, 19¢; roosters, 8@9¢; ducks, young, 12@13¢; geese, young, 9@10¢; turkeys, 18¢; squabs, \$2@2.25 per dozen.
Pork—Fancy, 10¢ per pound.
Veal—Extras, 8@8 1/2¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢; heavy, 6¢.
Hops—1909 contracts, 16¢ per pound; 1908 crop, 11@12¢; 1907 crop, 7¢; 1906 crop, 4¢.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23¢ per pound; valley, 23@25¢; mohair, 24@25¢.
Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; common, \$3.75@4; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, \$2.75@3.25; common, \$2@2.50.
Hogs—Best, \$8.25@8.50; fair to good, \$7.75@8; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.
Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2¢ less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5@5.25.

HOT CONTEST ASSURED.

Senate and House Will Each Hold Out for Lumber Rate.

Washington, July 16.—The make-up of the committee on conference that is now handling the tariff bill, endeavoring to compromise the differences between the house and senate bills, is not such as to inspire confidence in the hearts of those senators and representatives who favor the senate duty on rough lumber, \$1.50 per 1,000 feet. It may be that that rate will be retained, but there is only one Republican on the conference committee who is directly interested in the lumber schedule, and that man is handicapped because he is a big lumberman.

Of the senate conferees, not one has any direct interest in the tariff on lumber. Aldrich, Rhode Island; Burrows, Michigan; Penrose, Pennsylvania; Hale, Maine, and Cullom, Illinois, represent states that care far more about cheap lumber than they do about high protection for the American lumberman. A few years ago Burrows might have been somewhat concerned, but now his interest is secondary. On the house side, Payne, New York; Dalzell, Pennsylvania; McCall, Massachusetts; Boutell, Illinois; Calderhead, Kansas, and Fordney, Michigan, are the conferees, and Fordney is the only enthusiastic advocate of a high tariff on lumber, for he owns fabulous quantities of timber land and operates a number of lumber mills.

It will be the contention of the house members that the duty on rough lumber must be reduced \$1, the rate fixed by the house in the Payne bill. They will insist that the house will not stand for \$1.50, and will point to the fact that it was only by a narrow margin that the house rejected a free lumber amendment.

COREA ACCEPTS CHANGE.

Transfer of Courts to Japan Quietly Received.

Seoul, July 16.—The news of the new agreement between Japan and Korea arranging for the transfer of Korean judicial authority to Japan, is being quietly accepted here, now that its terms are fully understood.

It was feared that some disturbance might follow the public misapprehension that the disbanding of the court guards was included in the abolition of the Korean war office. Now that it is known generally that the guards are not to be discharged, but merely are to be placed under the command of the emperor's aide-de-camp, the cause for uneasiness has been removed.

It is believed that the convention between the two countries relative to the transfer was signed July 12. The provisions of the document, besides the changes mentioned, look to the control of Korean prisons by the Japanese.

EARTHQUAKE IN GREECE.

Province of Elis Suffers Loss of Score of Lives and 100 Injured.

Athens, Greece, July 16.—An earthquake has occurred in the province of Elis, the capital of which is Pyrgos. Several villages were destroyed and many people perished. The loss is heavy.

London, July 16.—A dispatch to a London news bureau from Athens says that a violent earthquake has occurred in Southern Greece, resulting in considerable loss of life and damage to property.

Twenty persons are reported dead and 100 injured at one village, and three other villages suffered heavily. The dispatch adds that, when the details are learned, it is likely that the casualties will be greatly increased.

Building Falls; 7 Dead.

Philadelphia, July 16.—Seven men were killed, one fatally injured and 24 seriously hurt today when a building at the northwest corner of Eleventh and Market streets collapsed. One man is also missing. The building, a five story brick structure in the heart of the business section was being remodeled, and it is supposed the removal of one of the girders caused the entire structure to weaken and crash to the earth.

Convention Rates Open.

Chicago, July 16.—Reduced passenger fares to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and St. Joseph will be available this summer from all states west of the Missouri river, as a result of a decision just announced by a number of leading Western railroads, which, competitive conditions will make applicable to all roads. It has been decided to open to the general public rates of a fare and a half for the round trip from points west of the river which were granted on account of the many conventions.

Cossacks Desert Shah.

Teheran, July 16.—The Royalist forces apparently have had enough of fighting and are prepared to admit the supremacy of the Nationalists. The secretary of the Russian legation here submitted proposals for the surrender of the Cossacks. He asked that the Nationalists cease attacking the Cossacks, that the Cossacks be allowed to continue service under the future Persian government and that their safety be guaranteed, which was agreed to.

Prefer American Labor.

Butte, Mont., July 16.—E. P. Matthewson, superintendent of the Washoe smelter, has announced that the policy of the company hereafter will be to employ American labor before alien labor. Mr. Matthewson also stated that the company store system has been abandoned in Anaconda.

QUAKE CLAIMS 300

Property Damage in Greece Will Be Tremendous.

WATER IN SPRINGS TURNS HOT

Earthquake Seems of Volcanic Nature and Upheavals Reported Near Village of Ponihioti.

London, July 17.—Special dispatches received here from Athens say that 300 persons were killed or injured by the earthquake that occurred yesterday in the province of Elis, in Southern Greece. The damage to property also was very great. Hot water is flowing today from many of the springs in the stricken district, while the water in the rivers and brooks has turned a reddish color.

The earthquake demolished 400 houses in the village of Havari, in Elis province. Thirty persons lost their lives at that point and a number were injured. Neighboring villages suffered greatly. All the houses of Amalaina were rendered uninhabitable. The shocks were felt at Patras, Pyrgos, Malamas and Tripoli, but outside of Havari only a few deaths or injuries have been reported. A volcanic upheaval is said to have occurred at the village of Ponihioti.

WARSHIPS ON THAMES.

British Admiralty Attempts to Allay Fears of People.

London, July 17.—One hundred and forty-eight British warships dropped anchor in the Thames tonight, the array extending from the estuary at the south end of the river to Westminster bridge, in the heart of London. The object of this extended and superb display of Britain's fighting power is an anti-panic show. Uneasiness prevails in every quarter of Britain. Anxiety in higher circles as to the condition of the country's defenses has caused apprehension and pessimism throughout the body politic.

Lord Roberts says the army is a tragic joke. Admiral Beraford says the navy is not what it has been considered. And Germany is accused of having aggressive designs against the peace and liberty of the Britons. The result of all this ferment is that the country is in danger of "going off its head." The mighty armadas on the Thames is the admiralty's heroic sedative.

RICH WOMAN SMUGGLED.

Carried \$50,000 Worth of Goods Under False Bottom of Trunk.

New York, July 17.—An indictment for smuggling was handed down today by the Federal grand jury against Mrs. Fremont Chesbro, owner of the Chesbro Coastwise line of steamers running out of Boston.

The case was placed in the hands of the United States district attorney for the district of New Jersey after the discovery of a double bottom in one of the trunks which Mrs. Chesbro brought to this country with her on the Kaiser Wilhelm II last May.

Wearing apparel appraised at \$50,000 was found in this hidden compartment, together with bills and invoices indicating the purchase abroad of a pearl necklace valued at \$23,000. The necklace was not found among Mrs. Chesbro's effects, but was yesterday turned over to the customs officials by Mrs. Chesbro's attorney.

Big Muddy Rises Again.

St. Louis, July 17.—The Missouri river last night rose so that the gauge today registers 35.3 feet. Manufacturing concerns across the river in Illinois are moving their stocks to higher ground, fearing a storm will wash the waves over the levees which the citizens are counting on to protect them. Citizens of Cahokia, Ill., worked last night strengthening the levees, which will stand but a slight rise. Five thousand acres of farm land were flooded early today by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas embankment breaking.

Island Defenses Tested.

Honolulu, July 17.—Under the direction of Captain Platt, of the ordnance department, the eight great mortars of the Fort Ruger defenses, on Diamond Head point, were fired for the first time today. The guns command the only approach to Honolulu harbor and are the first of the coast defenses to be installed. The test was thoroughly satisfactory. Captain Platt arrived yesterday on the transport Thomas to supervise the placing of other guns.

New Shah Rules Persia.

Teheran, July 17.—Mohammed Ali, shah of Persia, was dethroned today and the crown prince, Sultan Ahmed Miraza, was proclaimed shah by the national assembly, composed of the chief Mujtahids and the leaders of the Nationalist forces, in the presence of an immense crowd in Parliament square. Mohammed Ali has taken refuge in the Russian summer legation at Zerkenda.

Kaiser Favors Football.

Bealin, July 17.—The emperor has directed that football be included in the military exercises. His majesty is reported as saying that football as played in the United States and England is fine training in temper, as well as for the body.