

WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy 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.

The Japanese are expected to enter Mukden soon.

Republicans elected the governor of Maine by a plurality of 33,000.

Robbers held up a train at Letts, Ia., but found the safe contained no money.

Military critics at Liao Yang say that Kuropatkin did not believe he could be defeated.

The reason for the Russian abandonment of Mo-Ting pass remains as much of a mystery as ever.

A knight Templar train was wrecked near Reno, Nev., and two people killed and 25 others injured.

Japan has entered a protest against the Russian transport Lena remaining in San Francisco harbor. The ship may be dismantled and stay in the harbor until the war is ended.

The Japanese are reported to have routed the rear guard of the Russian army at Hun River. General Zaemlitch and 3,000 of his 5,000 men have been taken prisoners.

The cruiser Milwaukee has been launched at San Francisco.

Kuropatkin must continue his retreat and await reinforcements.

An interparliamentary congress will ask the powers to stop the war in the Far East.

The Japanese army is expected to push on as soon as they are retrained. Both armies are resting.

German iron dealers, it is reported, have been requested to furnish prices on 1,800 tons of cast iron for American delivery.

Many bids have been put in for the Oregon building at St. Louis. It will be sold to the highest bidder and turned over at the close of the fair.

Disease is a new horror feared at Mukden. The continued heavy rains and the hardships endured during the 10 days' fighting are sure to increase the sickness.

The navy department has appointed a board to inspect the merchant marine and ascertain the cost of changing ownership into a man of war and the length of time required should their services be needed in case of war.

Britain and Tibet have formally concluded a treaty.

A Russian force of 12,000 near Mukden is in a perilous position.

The new Russian minister of the interior will be liberal in his policy.

The spoils of war falling to the Japanese at Liao Yang were of little value.

Few of the Alaska salmon canneries will have as great an output as last year.

Fire raged an entire day in Progreso, Mexico, before it could be checked. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Russian papers claim that Viceroy Alexieff is directly responsible for the disaster at Liao Yang and want him put out.

The losses of both sides at the Liao Yang battle are estimated at 50,000, of which the Russians lost 20,000 and the Japanese 30,000.

The deported Colorado miner who confessed to having a part in the independence outrage says the others implicated with him are all officers and members of the United Mineworkers.

The Japanese are on two sides of Kuropatkin.

Rockefeller interests are said to be behind a new railroad to the Pacific coast.

J. J. Hill is reported to have sold his two new mammoth steamers to Russia.

The Russian drydock at Dainy has been repaired and is being used by the Japanese.

A deported Colorado miner in Kansas has given the names of the strikers who planned the Independence outrage.

The Russian war office expects a great battle at Mukden, if the Japanese continue to advance.

A land mine at Port Arthur killed 700 Japanese.

The great dock strike at Marseilles, France, is being gradually broken up.

The grand encampment of Knights Templars, in session at San Francisco, selected Saratoga, N. Y., as the place for the next convocation, in July, 1907.

Viceroy Alexieff has moved his headquarters from Vladivostok to Harbin.

General MacArthur recommends that a cavalry post be established in the Willamette valley.

Kuropatkin's column is 15 miles long.

The defenders of Port Arthur fortress are becoming greatly disheartened and are not offering an stubborn resistance. The Japanese are capturing many junks.

The government asks for a deed for the right of way of the canal and portage road at the Dalles.

The salmon pack of the Columbia river for the spring and summer is larger than that of last year.

SEEKS FOR PREY.

Russian Vessel Puts into San Francisco for Repairs.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—The Russian transport Lena, Captain Berlinky, put into this port today for repairs. The Lena is 31 days from Vladivostok via Bayanwa, Sakhalin islands.

She made the run from Bayanwa in 19 days, which is considered fast time, showing that the Lena possesses great qualities. The Lena has a crew of 497 men and 21 officers, and carries 23 guns. She has three funnels and three masts. Captain Berlinky, who officially declares the Lena to be a transport, states that her engines and boiler are in need of repairs. After passing quarantine the Lena anchored off the Union Iron works, where she now lies.

According to Brassey's Navy Annual, the Lena was formerly the Kherson, of the Russian volunteer fleet. Brassey refers to her as a "volunteer cruiser" and also as a "transport vessel." The Lena has a speed of 19 1/2 knots. Her hull is of steel, and her displacement is 10,225 tons. She is 493 feet long, 54 feet 3 inches wide, and has a draught of 24 feet. She has two propellers. Her indicated horsepower is 12,500. She was built at Hebburn, England, in 1895. According to Brassey, the Lena carries three 4-inch quick firing guns and 20 of smaller caliber.

The arrival of the Lena has been reported to Washington. Instructions are expected from the Washington authorities tomorrow as to the length of time the Lena may remain in port.

OREGON IRRIGATION CONVENTION. Association Will Hold Next in Ontario September 19, 20 and 21.

The convention of the Oregon Irrigation association, to be held at Ontario, Oregon, September 19, 20 and 21, promises to be of the greatest interest of any yet held in the state. What irrigation can do for a country will be there given a practical demonstration when worthless sage brush land will be shown side by side with land worth \$300 per acre.

Senator Mitchell, Congressman Williamson and Herrmann, Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Governor Morrison, of Idaho; Hon. D. W. Rose, United States geological survey; Mayor Glasman, of Ogden; Dr. Witheycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural college, and numerous other speakers prominent in irrigation work from different parts of the country will be in attendance. Besides this, there will be over \$1,000 given away as premiums for fruit displays. One of these premiums is a \$100 silver loving cup to be presented by the city of Ontario to the Oregon county making the best fruit exhibit.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have made a rate of full fare going and one-third fare returning. The city of Ontario is well prepared for the accommodation of all who attend the convention and the association promises that all will be more than paid for the trouble and expense they may be put to.

CANADIAN TRAIN HELD UP.

Six Masked Men Make a Haul of About \$7,000.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 14.—The transcontinental express, due here at 7:45 last night, was held up 35 miles from Vancouver by six masked men and \$7,000 taken. The train was flagged and some of the men got on the tender with rifles. At the point of guns the engineer and fireman were compelled to take the baggage and express cars two miles away, where they were riddled. The train arrived at 12 o'clock. A special train with a large posse of policemen immediately left for the scene. This is the first holdup in Canada.

It is supposed that the train robbers expected to intercept the clean-up from the Consolidated Cariboo mines, amounting to \$60,000, and which was expected to be sent here about this time. It is said a cipher telegraph message was sent to the express messenger telling him to have his safe open, to be searched by an inspector, and that therefore he was off his guard. The authorities are now investigating this rumor.

Shop Was Blown Up.

New York, Sept. 14.—The barber shop of Joseph Stravelli, on Third avenue, was wrecked by an explosion just before 1 o'clock this morning, and 20 families living in the house were thrown into a panic, in which six tenants were hurt. Six weeks ago Stravelli received a letter crudely drawn by a "Black Hand," in which he was ordered to deposit \$500 between two stones at First avenue and Thirty-eight street. The letter closed by saying: "If you do not leave the money you take care of yourself."

Jews' Shops Pillaged.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—Anti-Semitic rioting took place at Rovno, in the government of Colynia, September 4, during which many persons were injured and shops pillaged. A similar outbreak occurred at Smola, in the government of Kiev, where the troops were called. Ninety-eight houses and 14 shops were pillaged, and several persons were seriously injured by the troops. Many of the rioters were arrested. The affair lasted for

Protect of Great Britain.

Madrid, Sept. 14.—The Herald says that Great Britain has protested against Spain for having acceded to the request of France to permit the Russian Baltic fleet to coal and remain at Corunna for a longer period than that permitted by international law.

ARMY IS SAFE

Kuropatkin in Suddenly Facing About Saved the Day.

PLIGHT OF HIS MEN HORRIBLE

Japanese Abandon Idea of Heading Off Slavs and Both Sides are Taking a Needed Rest.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—It seems to be established definitely that Field Marshal Oyama's tired troops on Wednesday abandoned the attempt to head off General Kuropatkin, whose army arrived safely at Mukden, after frightful experiences, bounding through mud and mire over the Manchurian roads.

Descriptions of the scenes along the line of retreat are almost incredible. They tell how the men lay down in the mud and slept in a drenching rain.

It is evident that the last determined effort of the Japanese to bring Kuropatkin to bay was made on Tuesday, but the Russian commander in chief faced about and with two corps of artillery beat off the Japanese while the remainder of the troops continued to march to Mukden. After that, the Japanese could only hang on to the flanks and try to shell the retreating columns from the hills. The outposts are still in contact, but they are not even exchanging shots.

A late dispatch sent tonight from Mukden describes the horrible plight of the tentless and shelterless soldiers. The detailed statement of the Russian losses, which it is promised will be issued today, is awaited with intense interest. The general expectation is that the losses will approximate 20,000, as against 30,000 for the Japanese.

The work of burying the dead was left to the Japanese, who were forced to attempt the task as a matter of self preservation, but it was an almost impossible undertaking. The awful rains have handicapped the work of cremation, on which the Japanese relied, and only shallow trench burials were possible in many cases. Not only is such burial one of great difficulty, but it is almost valueless from a sanitary point of view, the storms undoing it soon after it is accomplished.

WILL REORGANIZE ARMY.

Russia Will Divide It and Make Kuropatkin Chief Commander.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—Besides the formation of two fresh army corps as the first answer to the Japanese success at Liao Yang, the Russian army at the front will be reorganized, probably in the form of two armies, in command of General Linevitch and General Baron Kaulbar, respectively, with General Kuropatkin as commander in chief. General Kaulbar will go out with the two army corps now organizing in the governments of Kazan, Odessa, Vilna and Kiev. General Linevitch has been ordered by telegram from Vladivostok to Mukden.

This decision is due in part doubtless to the growing unwieldiness of the big force under General Kuropatkin's command, and which will be largely increased by constant reinforcements.

General Kuropatkin heretofore has handled every detail of the vast organization. The work is too much for one man, and he is now almost broken down under the strain. It is known that the emperor is personally one of Kuropatkin's strong supporters, and it is thought the general will in all probability retain chief command of the two armies. Kuropatkin, however, has been seriously criticized by some of the emperor's close military advisers, and it is possible he may eventually be superseded. It is understood the emperor's inspection of the Baltic fleet at Cronstadt today is the last he will make, and that the fleet, when it leaves Liban, will proceed to the Far East.

Fortress Is Disheartened.

Tokio, Sept. 12.—Unofficial news received here from points near Port Arthur suggests that the garrison at the fortress is much disheartened. The ships of the harbor have ceased seriously to oppose the approach of Japanese reconnoitering vessels, which have thus been enabled to ascertain that the battleship Sveatopol is in a crippled condition, while others are more or less damaged. The number of soldiers who surrender is increasing daily. Several junks laden with provisions and ammunition have been captured.

Preparing for Another Assault.

Chefoo, Sept. 12.—Apparently well informed Japanese who reached Chefoo from Port Dainy today report that the Japanese army before Port Arthur is preparing to make another assault upon the fortress. Japanese agents here are sending to Port Dainy 70,000 gunnysacks and endeavoring to secure 60,000 more. It is reported that these sacks are to be filled with sand and used to fill up portions of the moat protecting the Russian right flank.

Japanese Raise Vessels.

Chefoo, Sept. 12.—The Russian dry dock at Port Dainy has been repaired, and a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer is now undergoing repairs there. The Japanese raised the vessel which had been sunk at the entrance of the dry dock by the Russians when they evacuated Port Dainy.

BRIGANDS VERY CRUEL.

Banker Lived on What He Could Pick for Days After Escaping.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 13.—A dispatch to the Record from Rowell, N. M., says:

Banker Eiland has returned to his home at Portales, N. M., and verified the story that he had been held by brigands in the state of Sonora, Mexico. He has lost 60 pounds in flesh. He is known as a conservative business man, and the story that he had fallen into the hands of brigands, who demanded ransom from his wife at Portales, N. M., was not doubted. He was forced by the bandits to write to his wife and to sign the name of George Reese. He said:

"I was captured August 6 by four men, and they robbed me of everything I had. I think it was in the state of Sonora, Mexico. They immediately carried me to the mountains and I was made to walk every day and was fed very little. At night I was tied with ropes. On pain of instant death the bandits made me write the letter to my wife demanding the ransom, compelled me to sign the name of George Reese and made me misspell the name. The letter was mailed from the town of Opata. They changed positions every day and marched me through the mountains until the night of August 30, when I made my escape. I secured a sharp rock and cut the ropes that bound me and left while they slept."

"For four days I wandered through the mountains in search of a road, living on berries, rabbits and young birds, and finally reached a railroad at a distance of 60 miles from where I started."

"I beat my way on a lumber train to Douglas, Ariz., and then went to El Paso, Tex., where I borrowed money on which to come to Portales."

CONCILIATION BOARD MEETS.

Arguments of Iron and Steel Men Regarding New Scale Heard.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—A board of conciliation selected by the Republic Iron & Steel company and 20,000 of its employees has met here to fix a scale of wages for the coming year. Today arguments of employers were heard.

The dispute which the board is to settle arose over the desire of the company to reduce the wages of its skilled "merchant" ironworkers from 5 to 15 per cent. As provided in the working agreement which has been in force since 1901, conference committees from the company and the unions having failed to agree on an adjustment of wages, the matter was left to a board of conciliation.

The arguments of the company tended to show that reduction in business combined with large outlays in the erection of new plants, did not justify the continuation of last year's wage scale. These claims were met by the steel workers' representative with the contention that the number of employes has been reduced in several plants, thus comparatively lightening the expenses.

YUKON TRAFFIC ENDED.

River Steamers Have Made Last Trip for the Season.

Seattle, Sept. 13.—A special dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, Y. T., warns persons at coast points not to attempt to enter Alaska this fall expecting to catch steamers at Dawson for the new Tanana district and Fairbanks. Five hundred people are now on Dawson anxious to go down the river to the new camp, with no steamers available.

The steamer Light left Dawson yesterday for Fairbanks with a 500 ton cargo, which yielded \$26,000 in freight charges. The Northern Commercial company yesterday refused to send the steamer Sarah with a cargo yielding \$25,000 charges and passengers down the river, fearing the ice would close before she could get back.

Hundreds are going out in small boats from Dawson to Circle, intending to walk 250 miles from there to Fairbanks.

Capture Only Question of Hours.

New York, Sept. 13.—Three of the six men bandits who held up the paymaster of the O'Rourke Engineering & Construction company for \$5,000 August 24 on a lonely highway in New Jersey, are reported to have been traced to the Italian quarter of Patterson, and their capture is believed to be only a question of hours. Two hundred men have searched constantly for the highwaymen, but, although they got so close to the gang that firearms and articles of clothing were found, they managed to reach town.

Important Witness Missing.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—William F. McMahon, who was operator of the "spot light" at the Iroquois theater at the time of the disaster December 30, has disappeared. Assistant State's Attorney Barnes at the opening of the September term of court began the preliminary arrangements to put Will J. Davis, manager of the theater; Thomas J. Noon, assistant manager, and Edward Cummings, the stage carpenter, on trial.

Battleship Ohio Transferred.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—The battleship Ohio was finally transferred from her builders to the United States navy, the government being represented in the ceremony by Captain Leavitt C. Logan, who is her commanding officer. The Ohio will be for a time on the Pacific station, but her ultimate destination is thought to be China.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

TO BUILD IN GRAND RONDE.

Assurance Given That Railroad Will Be Constructed.

Pendleton—W. E. Davidson, secretary of the Eastern Oregon Development company, and member of the firm of W. E. Davidson & Co., mining brokers of Pendleton, says that the electric belt line to be built in Grand Ronde valley is an assured success. His father, T. W. Davidson, is in the East now interesting capital in behalf of the project, and at the present time the outlook is most encouraging.

Grounds for a terminal and depot have been donated by the residents of Cove. The Amalgamated Sugar company has agreed to raise 500 acres of beets along the line, where heretofore the price of hauling has made their culture prohibitive. The right of way has been granted, and had it not been for Chief Engineer A. B. Browne being called to Canyon City as a witness in a suit at law the survey would have been completed at this time.

The power proposition on the Minam river has not been looked into except to ascertain that at least 20,000 horsepower could be developed.

Survey of Eugene-Corvallis Line.

Eugene—The Willamette Valley Electric railway company announces that its corps of surveyors will probably begin surveying for its Eugene-Corvallis line this week. T. W. Archer, a civil engineer, who will have charge of the work, has arrived from California. He will also select a site for a power station. It has been practically settled that the station will be located on the Mackenzie river near Seavey place, six miles from Eugene. H. C. Diers, chief engineer of the company, has arrived at Coos bay, and will at once start a crew of surveyors from there north up the coast by way of Gardiner and Florence to Eugene.

Cove Fruit for the Fair.

La Grande—The management of the horticultural exhibit at the St. Louis fair has written to Stackland Bros., of Cove, who are among the leading fruit-growers in the Grand Ronde, for more of the fruit from this valley, and in a telegram asks: "Can Cove ship now, car prunes, plums, pears and apples? We pay freight. Sell at least half and return proceeds. Wire collect." To which they replied that a car would be shipped in two weeks' time, as some of the fruit are hardly ripe just now.

Drill for \$500 a Side.

Sumpter—As a result of the drilling contest at Bourne on Labor day, in which M. D. McLeod came off victorious, there is promise of a much more interesting contest. McLeod, holding the championship for Oregon, has been challenged by William Madden, for a match at \$500 a side. The preliminaries have been arranged, and the town offering the most tempting purse will get the contest. There is some talk of making the side bet \$1,500, so confident is each man of beating the other.

Lawton Townsite Sold.

Sumpter—The townsite of Lawton, which over four years ago gave such promise of greatness, has been sold for \$3,000. This was the amount of a judgment held by Lina Sturgis against the townsite company. Many buildings were erected during the boom, and Lawton was put down in the brain of the fanciful promoter as the terminus of an important railway line that would come creeping up the mountains from a junction with the O. R. & N. This dream faded away and with it Lawton's claim to distinction.

Plan Long Wagon Road.

Portland—The plan to build a wagon road from Portland to the California line has been discussed favorably by the county court. Multnomah county already has a road which reaches to Clackamas county and it can be made a first class road with not much expense. Other counties have roads extending from one county to the other in some instances, but to make one continuous road the whole distance might require state aid.

Washington County Shipments.

Hillsboro—Agent Hinshaw, of the Southern Pacific, states that notwithstanding the short hay and grain crop this year, the shipments out of Washington county exceed that of any fall season for years. A part of the heavy shipments is due to the condensed milk company, which sends out from two to three cars each week.

Wheat Mysteriously Burned.

Pendleton—Fire destroyed 1,500 bushels of wheat on the farm of E. J. Sonerville, seven miles west of this city. The crop was raised by John Ludeman, his share being two-thirds. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The wheat was partly insured.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 78c; bluestem, 83c; valley, 84c.
Tacoma—Bluestem, 83c; club, 78c.
Albany—78c.
Salem—80c.
Collax—Club, 68c; bluestem, 73c.
Pendleton—Club, 78c; bluestem, 72c.
La Grande—Club, 65c; bluestem, 70c.

IMMENSE TIMBER FORESTS.

Coos and Curry Await Railroad for Development.

Marshfield—An agent looking for timber for an Eastern syndicate says that he has figures that show that there are 24,000,000,000 feet of timber in Coos county alone and 80,000,000,000 feet accessible to Coos bay if a railroad is built through the county. He says that on the Umpqua are 33,000,000,000 feet and on the Siuslaw 15,000,000,000 feet. In Curry county he found large tracts of black oak that would make fine furniture. These trees, he says, will average three cuts of 20 feet each. Eight thousand acres of this oak timber was bought by San Francisco tanners for its bark but the timber had been found to be too valuable for manufacturing purposes to peel for its bark.

On Tillamook bay and its tributary streams he says there are 20,000,000,000 feet, and on the Nehalem and its north and south forks there are 25,000,000,000 more feet. This includes fir, cedar spruce and hemlock. He says the timber has all been cruised, and that his figures are conservative.

Association Fast Building Up.

Pendleton—The Pendleton Commercial association is rapidly building up under the present regime, having during the past few days received more than 50 new members. The membership now exceeds 150 and efforts will be made to swell the number to 200. The monthly dues have been reduced from \$2 to \$1, these special rates to continue until November 1. With the fusing of new life into the institution, plans have been under consideration for adding a gymnasium and making other needed improvements. As soon as practicable the association will begin making preparations for the Umatilla county exhibit for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Shipment of Silver Fir.

Estacada—Linn Brothers, who own a sawmill 10 miles northeast of this place, have just shipped from here a carload of the finest quality of lumber ever seen in this section of the state. The firm owns a large tract of timber land near their mill and now has on hand a very large assortment of finishing lumber. The timber from which it is sawed is of a variety called by timbermen "silver fir," and is of lighter color and finer grain than the yellow fir. A number of experienced lumbermen and carpenters saw the lumber as it was being loaded and all pronounced it the best they had seen in the state. The shipment went to Oregon City.

Crop Costs 25 Cents a Bushel.

Pendleton—A reservation farmer estimates that his crop this year cost him 25 cents a bushel sacked, exclusive of the cost of summer fallowing. He paid \$2 75 per acre rent and hired all of the work done. His yield was 30 bushels to the acre, and the total crop 4,800 bushels, he having 160 acres in wheat. He sold at 57 1/2 cents, and estimates his profit at \$2,040. The coming season or the next, he will rent 1,000 acres. He says a little can be made on each bushel he will rent a large tract and either get rich or go "broke."

Echo Will Co-Operate.

Echo—At a meeting of the Citizens' club of Echo, a committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. C. J. Smith, O. D. Teel, B. Saylor, F. B. Van Cleave and H. C. Willis, to act with similar committees appointed by the commercial organizations of Spokane, Walla Walla and Colfax, in Washington, and Pendleton, in Oregon, to act with the interior department in securing the best possible sites for the canals and reservoirs desired by the government for the several irrigation projects contemplated.

Yamhill Hopdryer Is Destroyed.

Amity—Fire destroyed the hop dryer and contents of A. H. Shumate, residing one mile northwest of Whiteson. Mr. Shumate had just finished picking his yard and had 10,000 pounds of hops in the building. The fire started between two walls, and it was impossible to get water to it. The man drying the hops had plenty of help and several barrels of water, but could not use it to any advantage. The insurance on the crop and building was \$3,000.

Smut Explodes Machine.

Pendleton—A threshing machine belonging to Donald Robinson, 17 miles north of Pendleton, was blown up. The explosion was caused by smut and rust in the wheat. The loss is \$1,000. None of the crew was injured.

Patients Increase at the Asylum.

Salem—The monthly report of the superintendent of the state insane asylum shows that the number of patients has increased from 1,371 to 1,375 during the month.

BIG STRIKE ENDS.

Chicago Butchers Have Acknowledged Their Defeat.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—The strike of the butcher workmen, which has demoralized the meat packing industry throughout the country for the last two months, was officially declared off tonight by President Michael J. Donnelly, of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of America.

Mr. Donnelly this morning telegraphed the members of the national executive committee asking their consent to an announcement of the end of the struggle, and tonight, having received favorable answers from all, he declared the strike of the members of his organization would end at midnight.

The strike of the members of the affiliated unions at the stockyards, who quit work in sympathy with the butchers, will be officially called off tomorrow morning at a meeting of the conference board of the allied trades. This was decided upon at a meeting of the central body of the allied trades held tonight.