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WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

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

Four persons were killed and fifty injured in an English railway accident.

Tokio is advised that the army is making steady progress at Port Arthur.

Fire wiped out an entire village in Southern Russia. Five hundred families are homeless.

The Norwegian bark Sir John Lawrence, from London, struck on rocks off the coast of Norway and went down with all on board.

The Santa Fe has large gangs of men at work in Colorado repairing the work of the flood. It will take a week to make the road passable.

Detectives are unable to find any clew to the persons who have attempted to destroy the battleship Connecticut. There is little danger that any further attempt will be made. Marines are stationed all around the boat and others on it.

According to dispatches from Oklahma the South Canadian river is higher than in 40 years. It is feared that the loss to cotton and corn crops and bridges, with other properties along the river, throughout the territory, will be enormous. No loss of life has been reported.

Sir William Harcourt, a noted British politician, is dead.

A third attempt has been made to wreck the battleship Connecticut.

Trinidad, Colo., reports that it can relieve all distress caused by the flood.

The September receipts of the St. Louis fair amounted to about $2,500,000.

The Russians have temporarily checked the Japanese advance east of Mukden.

The czar may block the plan for the immediate reorganization of the Russian army.

Postmaster General Payne continues in a dangerous condition. His life hangs in the balance.

Russians made a raid on junks carrying supplies to Oyama and destroyed a number of them.

It is reported that General Basilio Munos, leader of the Uruguayan revolutionists, has been shot by his former followers.

Considerable loss of life and property was occassioned by fire in the artillery and ammunition magazines at Sebastopol, Russia.

The Japanese have begun a general advance on Mukden.

The condition of Postmaster General Payne is very serious.

Mobile, Alabam, is having the warmest weather in its history for the time of year.

The Japanese have adopted tactics intended to prevent the return of the main Russian force to Mukden.

The Russian squadron at Port Arthur has made another attempt to escape, but were driven back. Another sally is expected.

Kuropatkin now realizes that he cannot go on to Harbin and the problem of wintering his troops is a serious one. The hope of the Russians is to defeat the Japanese at Mukden.

Souvenir Lewis and Clark dollars have been sent to President Roosevelt and member of congress who were instrumental in securing the appropriation to the Portland exposition.

A mail car from Paris to Havre, containing about 100 pouches of American mail, was broken into and 91 pouches opened and rifled of such valuables as they may have contained. There is no record of their contents or of the valuables abstracted.

W. J. Bryan is a grandfather.

Disease is claiming many Japanese soldiers.

The battleship Connecticut has been successfully launched.

The Russian cruiser Orel broke a cylinder on her trial trip and will be dlayd six months.

The main Russian army has retreated from Mukden, leaving only a small force to guard the rear.

The Japanese army has captured Da pass. Practically no resistance was offered by the Russians.

A Puget sound tug just in from Alaska, reports having sighted a Russian gunboat at Unimak pass.

Hops have advanced two and three cents throughout the Willamette valley and at North Yakima. Independence growers have receied as high as 30 cents.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the village of Ramsa, Armenia, was the scene of a massacre of Armenians by Kurds. Details are lacking.

Heavy rains have caused serious damage to railroads in Western Texas, New Mexico and Northern Mexico. Several washouts are reported on the Santa Fe in New Mexico and on all roads trains are delayed.

Unofficial estimates by Japanese officers place the number of their sick and wounded soldiers at 45,000.

CAUGHT BY FLOOD.

Twelve People Drowned at Watrous, New Mexico.

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 5 —Half the town of Watrous was destroyed by the flood and at least 12 persons were drowned.

Many persons were rescued from trees and housetops. The greatest damage was around the junction of Mora and Sapello creeks. The rock crusher, the great iron bridge and much track at Watrous were washed away.

The Gallinas river formed a new channel here. In the Gallinas canon, the dams of the Aqua Pura company broke, bringing a terrific flood on the city. The Montezuma-Hot Springs track went out in many places. Half a dozen bridges were destroyed and the Montezuma bath houses were partly carried away. The Santa Fe loss here is $40,000. The Aqua Pura company's loss is $15,000.

For two blocks on Bridge street every business house was flooded. The big Ilfield brick store was ruined and the bridge undermined. Twenty merchants estimates their loss at from $2,000 to $4,000 each.

Gallinas park is under water and the trolley line cannot be repaired for two weeks. The race meet to have been held here next week has been declared off. One hundred thousand dollars will not cover the loss to the town and the railroad loss is equal to that of recent floods in Arizona.

TOWNS WASHED AWAY.

Rio Grande Cuts New Channel and Hundreds are Homeless.

Albuquruque, N. M., Oct. 5.—Reports from the floods in the Rio Grande valley above and below this city are coming in. The towns of Valencia and Los Lentes were practically washed away and several hundred families are homeless. The river swung to the east, cut a new channel, and poured a torrent through the two towns. No lives were lost.

The Barelaze suburbs of this city suffered the most in this immediate vicinity, about 50 houses being destroyed.

Ignacio Gutierrez, a commissioner of Sandoval county, telephoned that the damage at Los Cordales and Alameda, above the city, will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

There is one passenger train from Southern California at Gallup and another from San Francisco at Winslow, while the other trains from California are held here. The local officials cannot say when the trains will arrive or depart, and the traffic situation is serious.

Many feet of track is reported gone at Ortiz, at Cerrillos, Waldo, Thornton and Bernalillo, and above and below this city at Rincon, Amarillo, N. M., and Isleta.

DROP INTO CELLAR.

Many People Injured at Church Corner Stone Laying.

Adams, Mass., Oct. 5.—While Right Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Roman Catholic bishop of Springfield, was laying the corner stone of St. Stanislaus' Polish church, a floor collapsed, precipitating 150 persons into the basement. A dozen persons were injured, several seriously. Bishop Beaven and several of the priests assisting him were slightly hurt.

Some 7,000 persons attended the ceremony and about 200 were seated or standing on the floor which covered the newly made basement. Just as the bishop was about to lay the stone a section of the flooring, about 40 feet square, collapsed, dropping 12 feet, and carrying with it the bishop, the clergy and about 140 others.

In the confusion that followed many were trampled upon and half suffocated. Bishop Beven was caught in the crush but was able to save himself from serious injury. He was bruised about the body and had his hands scratched.

Breastplates Will Not Be Made.

Rome, Oct. 5.—Some time ago the Russian government ordered 100,000 bullet proof breastplates of the tpye invented by Signor Benedetti. The latter recently started for St. Petersburg to supervise the manufacture of the breastplates, but was stopped at Munich by the Italian firm to which he had sold the rights to manufacture, and which objected to Signor Benedetti's intervention in the matter, and he returned to Italy. The firm had also undertaken to supply the Japanese government with 200,000 breastplates.

Train of Sick and Wounded.

General Oku's Headquarters in the Field, Oct. 5.—The first southbound train on the railway left this afternoon carrying 490 Japanese wounded, 100 sick and 33 wounded Russian prisoners on the way to Japan. The wounded are practically the last of the Japanese wounded at the battle of Liao Yang. The hospitals are now devoted to those suffering from beri beri and other diseases.

Gunboat Hit by a Mine.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—It is rumored that a Japanese gunboat hit a mine and sunk south of the Liao Tung peninsula. A portion of her crew reached an island and were rescued. The navy department does not deny the report, but says that the department lacks confirmatory information.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

FEATURES FOR CHAUTAUQUA.

Distinguished Women of the Country Booked for Next Year.

Oregon City—One of the main features of the Willamette Valley Chatauqua assembly for 1905 will be the part to be taken by the leading women of the country and for which the board of directors is already arranging. It is the purpose of the Chautauqua management to devote two entire days of next year's session to women and women's work, and to insure the success of this feature of the assembly an effort has been started to secure the services of such distinguished women as Mrs. Charlotte Perkins-Gilman, of New York, a grand niece of Henry Ward Beecher and a literary writer of wide reputation; Miss Anna Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, and also Mrs. Catt, president of the National Federation of Women's clubs.

Secretary Cross is in correspondence with these celebrities and expects to be able to secure their attendance and services in making the 1905 Chautauqua a grand success. In forming the program and engaging lecturers for next year the officers of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association will take advantage of the holding of the Lewis and Clark fair, and will engage only the best of talent in every department, that the exercises may be up to a high standard for the entertainment of the many visitors from distant points, since the Chautauqua sessions will be held during the life of the 1905 exposition.

SEPTIC TANK A SUCCESS.

Trustees Inspect One Recently Installed at Mute School.

Salem—The new septic tank recently constructed at the State Mute school is giving complete satisfaction. The board of trustees of that institution visited the school and were highly pleased with the improvement in the sewerage system, which makes the conditions there more healthful.

"It seems to me that the septic tank will come into general use in cities," said Governor Chamberlain, after his return from the Mute school. "By this process all solid matters are consumed and the outflow from the septic tank is clear and odorless liquid. I believe these tanks should be used even where there is good sewer connections, for by this means the sewer system can be made to carry a larger amount of refuse and the stream into which it is turned will not be so heavily polluted. In suburban districts where there are no sewer connections the spetic tank will do much to improve sanitary conditions. I believe the people should investigate the subject and learn the value of the septic tank."

Coming Events.

Portland Presbytery, Fairview, October 10.

Baker County Fair, Baker City, October 11-15.

Klamath County Agricultural association, Klamath Falls, October 12-14.

Federation of Women's clubs, Baker City, October 12-14.

Fruit Fair, Hood River, October 13-15.

Oregon Press association, Hood River, October 14-15.

Baptist Young People's convention, McMinnville, October 14.

Oregon W. C. T. U., state convention, Portland, October 18-27.

Inland Empire Teachers' association, Pendleton, October 19-21.

Power From the McKenzie.

Eugene—Notice has been filed with the county clerk by the Willamette Valley Electric Railroad company of its intention to appropriate from the McKenzie river 15,000 cubic inches of water, by miners' measure, under six inch pressure, to be used in generating power to operate all kinds of electrical machinery. The point where the water is to be taken from the river is given as on the north bank near the line between sections 35 and 36, township 16, range 2 east, and describes the line of the canal 14,000 feet long.

Step Toward New Can Factory.

Astoria—A deed has been filed for record whereby the American Can company sells to the Pacific Sheet Metal works the frontage of lots 1 and 2, block 3. The property is the site of the old can factory and the consideration named is $1, although the price paid is understood to be $20,000. This is the first step toward the establishment of the new can factory, which the Pacific Sheet Metal works will start here before the opening of the fishing season.

Sugar-Making at La Grande.

La Grande—The La Grande Amalgamated Sugar factory is running day and night, and will have a run of over 90 days on the sugar beets raised in the Grand Ronde, which amount to 25,000 tons. The beets from Umatilla county will keep the factory running considerably later this season than usual. Beets are being plowed and pulled in the valley, and tons are being hauled to the factory every day.

Development of Copper Mine.

Medford—Two tunnels are being driven in the Blue Ledge copper mine, located about 30 miles west of Medford, near the California line, and owned by a New York company. These tunnels are driven to determine the extent and value of the property. The force of 13 men will be increased soon. So far, the quality of the ore is all that could be desired.

SAMPLE ORES FOR FAIR.

Prompt Action Urged on Blue River Mines.

Eugene—D. H. Weyant, who is working up an interest throughout the mining districts of the state in preparing exhibits for the Lewis and Clark exposition, was in Eugene. He was in conference with mining men and others and urging prompt action toward preparing an exhibit for the Blue River district.

Mr. Weyant urges that unless something is done immediately the district cannot be well represented, because it will be necessary to get out samples before winter sets in and closes up the mines. If left until spring, it will be too late, hence it is desired that the exhibits be collected and boxed this fall. The Commercial club has taken an interest in the matter and has called a meeting for next Wednesday evening, at which time a plan will begin forthwith.

CUT ON GOVERNMENT LAND.

Many Cords of Wood Held Up in the Vicinity of Meacham.

La Grande—It is reported that there is tied up by government inspectors around Meacham, 25 miles west of this city, 2,000 cords of wood believed to have been cut from land not yet out of government ownership. A large number of men have filed on land in the mountains. Of each 160 acres 120 is grazing land and 40 acres timber land. The pre-emptors can get the grazing land on time, and yet use it for grazing purposes. To acquire title enough to give them the right to cut wood on the remaining 40 acres they must pay down in full for the land. This it is alleged many have not done.

The marketing of the 2,000 cords depends upon the outcome of the investigation. It is believed it will be released upon the settlement of each individual for the 40 acres of timber land by paying the cash for it, as was the original intention.

LEDGE SIXTY FEET WIDE.

New Camp Will Be Opened in the Bohemia District.

Eugene—According to the report of W. S Crabb, a prospector who has just come down from the mountains in the vicinity of the Upper Willamette, another rich mining camp is about to be opened up in this county.

Mr. Crabb reports the discovery of a very rich ledge of quartz, which he says is 60 feet wide, samples of the ore from which he brought out for assay. From his description of the location, it is 20 miles above Hazel Dell postoffice, and must therefore be about that distance to the east and north of the Bohemia mining district.

Fruits for the St. Louis Fair.

La Grande—W. K. Newell, of Dilley, Or., and George H. Lamberson, of Portland, have been in the valley during the past week, gathering Grand Ronde fruits for the St. Louis fair. Judd Geer, of the Cove, horticultural commissioner for Eastern Oregon, and A. C. Gail, a prominent fruitgrower at Union, assisted them in gathering a choice assortment, and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with the excellent fruit grown here. Apples are being picked and packed for the fall makets. Over 100 cars will be sent out from the valley this season. Prune packing and picking is still going on. The fruit growers of Grande Ronde will organize and hold meetings pertaining to the growth and sale of fruits and other things concerning their common good.

Sheep Poisoned on the Trail.

Lakeview—Three hundred mutton sheep en route to the railroad for shipping are said to have been poisoned along the main traveled road between here and Bend. The alleged poisoning happened near a spring, and analysis of the stomachs of some of the sheep is said to have disclosed saltpeter and strychnine. The name of the owner could not be learned, nor the motive of the reported deed. The scene is in one of the remotest portions of Central Oregon, and only slight details reached Lakeview

Investigate Sherman Land Claims.

The Dalles—Francis W. Clements and James I. Parker, attorneys of Washington, D. C., representing the secretary of the interior, are here to confer with Special Agent Neuhausen and the local land officials upon the investigation of the claims of the Sherman county settlers. After their conference in this city they will leave for San Francisco, there to meet the officers of the Eastern Oregon Land company.

Many Agrics Enrolled.

Corvallis—The enrollment at the Oregon Agricultural college has passed the 500 mark, and is now 103 greater than in the same day last year. The count is confined to students in the actual college courses, and is not inclusive of music pupils and other side issues. The number is more than double that in the academic and college course of any other educational institution in Oregon.

Wheat Market.

Portland—Walla Walla, 81@82c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 85c.

Tacoma—Bluestem, 87c; club, 83c.

Colfax—Club, 71c; bluestem, 76c.

TO DEFRAUD NATION.

Iron Said to Have Been Put in Life Preserver Blocks.

Washington, Oct. 4.—An alleged conspiracy, which has been developed by officials of the department of commerce and labor and of the department of justice today resulted in the arrest at Camden, N. J., of J. H. Stone, H. C. Quintard, Charles W. Russ and James Russ, officers of the Nonpareil Cork works. They were apprehended by the United States marshal for the district of New Jersey, under an indictment found on September 29 by the United States grand jury at Trenton, charging them, under section 5440, of the revised statutes of the United States, with conspiring to defraud the goverment and prejudice the administration of the steamboat inspection laws by putting upon the market compressed cork blocks for use in making life preservers, each of which blocks contained in its center a piece of bar iron about six inches long and weighing eight ounces. The iron bar was inserted and concealed in the block for the purpose of increasing the weight to the legal requirement of six pounds of good cork for each life preserver. The men arrested will be arranged before the United States district court of New Jersey, to plead to the indictment.

Early in August, David Kahneweilers' Sons, manufacturers of life preservers in New York city, ordered from the Nonpareil Cork works at Camden, N. J., blocks of compressed corks for 1,750 life preservers. Eight of these corks are used in each preserver, and the United States law requires that the eight blocks shall contain six pounds of cork. When the cork blocks were delivered, it was discovered that eight of the blocks weighed only 5½ pounds.

Kahneweilers' Sons thereupon wrote the Nonpareil Cork works and that company replied that it would adjust the matter by sending to Kahneweilers' Sons some extra heavy blocks, one of which could be used in each life preserver, thus increasing its weight to the legal requirement. In due time the blocks arrived. They were so heavy as to arouse suspicion. One of them was broken, and imbedded in its center was found an iron bar six inches long, one inch wide and a quarter of an inch thick, weighing eight ounces. The Kahneweilers again wrote to the officers of the Nonpareil Cork works, demanding to know what they meant by putting iron in the cork blocks, and informing them that as Kahneweilers' Sons were obliged to put their names on each preserver, such a fraud would ruin their business.

According to the indictment a letter was received in reply suggesting that the Kahneweilers were foolish to make so much trouble about a small affair of that kind.

Further examination of the "extra heavy" blocks disclosed the fact that each of them contained an iron bar similar to that which was found in the first one. In all 261 of the extra heavy blocks were received by Kahneweilers' Sons. Kahneweilers' Sons communicated with Robert S. Rodie, supervising inspector of the steamboat inspecting service for the district of New York, and he reported the facts to acting secretary of the department of commerce and labor, Lawrence O. Murray. The investigation and indictment followed.

Two Hundred Homeless.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 4.—The wild sweep of water, raising the Rio Grande to the highest point for more than a year, has made 200 people in this vicinity homeless. Bareloe, a suburb, is under two feet of water and many homes are abandoned. Alamedo is threatened by the terrific pressure upon the dam, which it is feared may give way. The railroads have suffered greatly in the Rio Grande valley. The Santa Fe is at a standstill all through New Mexico.

Bridge Washed Out.

Lamar, Colo., Oct. 4.—The flood in the Arkansas river reached here today and washed out the north approach of the bridge over the river at this place. The bottom land on the north side is under water. The river is rising rapidly but no further damage is anticipated here. Telephone reports from Prowers, nine miles west of Lamar, show that the water there is at the highest stage known in 30 years. The entire Prowers ranch is under water and the residents were compelled to seek safety on the tops of their houses.

Work on Russian Ships Begun.

Toulon, France, Oct. 4.—The managers of the Societe des Forges et Chantiers were interviewed today concerning the report that they are to build a number of cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers for the new Russian navy. They stated that the negotiations on the subject had made considerble progress, but it was desirable to withhold the particulars, in order to avoid possible international entanglements.

American Diplomat Fined.

New York, Oct. 4.—Arthur Denn Piatt, American vice consul, has been fined 10 shillings, according to an American dispatch from Dublin, for furious riding on a motorcycle within the city limits. His case was heard in a police court.

LOSS IS HEAVY

Flood Works Ruin in Colorado and New Mexico.

ALL RAILROAD ARE TIED UP

Thirty Blocks in Trinidad are Under Two to Four Feet of Water —Loss Will Be Very Heavy.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 3.—A terrific flood struck the city of Trinidad and the whole valley along the Las Animas river, today, devastating a wide section and causing a money loss which at present cannot be estimated, but which may reach several hundred thousands of dollars.

Every bridge in the city of Trinidad is out, the Santa Fe station is demolished, all of the railroads are tied up, and the telephone and telegraph services completely suspended. More than 30 city blocks in the residence and business sections were two to four feet under water along the rvier

So far as known at noon no lives were lost, but there were many narrow escapes.

The flood was caused by the heavy rain which has been falling for two days. At 8 o'clock last night the storm assumed cloudburst proportions, and at 2 o'clock this morning the Las Animas river went over its banks.

At 3:30 it was impossible to get within a block of the river bed at any point, and Commercial street was flooded for three blocks in the heart of the business district. Meantime the electric light and gas plants had been flooded, and the city was in complete darkness.

Hundreds of citizens thronged the streets on the edge of the submerged district carrying lanterns and doing their best to provide those driven from their homes with shelter.

Warning of the flood was given when the river left its banks by revolver shots and the ringing of the fire alarm, followed by the blowing of all the locomotive and shop whistles in town. Citizens upon rafts made of sections of sidewalks paddled through the streets, rescuing families who were in danger.

The new Bacca hotel, a two story structure just reaching completion at a cost of $20,000 on the river bank, was destroyed. The water then ate its way through 50 feet of the ground to the Santa Fe depot, which was carried away.

The city is divided by the Las Animas river, which is spanned by six wagon bridges. All of the bridges were washed out and many residents were unable to reach their homes or to communicate with their families, the telephone system being wrecked.

TO SETTLE WATER SUIT.

Effort Is Being Made to Annex Part of Kansas to Colorado.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 3.—An effort at a solution of the Kansas-Colorado water suit is in progress, and if the efforts of those most interested in the case are sucessful a strip of the western portion of Kansas, about 150 miles wide, will be annexed to the state of Colorado, and the litigation now before the supreme court at Washington will be thrown out.

Politicians in both Kansas and Colorado are working for the passage of a bill through the legislatures of both states whereby the western portion of Kansas can be taken into Colorado. This, it is thought by those who have given the irrigation question much study, will solve the difficulty, and both states will be benefitted to a great extent. L. P. Worden, of Syracuse, Kas., and C. C. Kennison, of Garden City, Kas., a candidate for representative from that county are in Pueblo in the interest of the plan.

"It would settle the water question in Western Kansas forever and the suit now in the courts would be dropped as there would no longer be any reason for continuing it" said Mr. Worden today.

Both Mr. Worden and Mr. Kennison appeared before the government commission when it was in session here, and are thoroughly familiar with the situation. They say they are supported by practically every resident of Western Kansas.

Inventor Dies a Charity Patient.

New York, Oct. 3.—Once wealthy and with a host of friends among prominent and wealthy men in the country, Charles Y. Yeaton, the inventor, is dead at the home of incurables, a charity patient. Paralysis, from which he had suffered two years, caused his death. Yeaton invented a number of machines, among which was a typesetting machine, the first ever offered for sale. He enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with President Andrew Johnson, who offered him a diplomatic post at St. Petersburg.

Aldermen Indicted for Grafting.

Buffalo, Oct. 3.—As the result of District Attorney Coatsworth's investigation of charges of alleged "grafting" on the part of city officials, three present aldermen and four former aldermen have been indicted. They are: John Thomas Harp, Henry Moest and Orrin F. Pierce, Aldermen, and Edward C. Beiser, Louis G. Roedel, Henry G. Schneider and John G. Busch, former aldermen. All the indicted men were arraigned today and pleaded not guilty.

British Steamer Stopped.

Chefoo Oct. 3.—The British steamer Yik Sang, trading in China saes, arrived today and reports she was stopped by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer outside of the harbor of Chefoo. After her papers had been examined, the Yik Sang was allowed to proceed.

HIS LIFE ENDS.

United States Senator Hoar Passes From Earth.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 1.—George Frisbie Hoar, senior United States senator from Massachusetts, died at his home in this city at 1:35 o'clock yesterday morning. The end followed a period of unconsciousness that had lasted since early Tuesday, and came so gently that only the attending physicians were aware of the exact moment of his ending.

The attending physicians despaired of the senator's life six weeks ago, but such was the vitality exhibited by their distinguished patient that even they were surprised, and the public was at times led to cherish faith in an ultimate recovery.

On Sunday last, however, all hope was abndoned after a last unsuccessful attempt to administer medicine and nourishment. Brief lucid intervals were followed by longer durations of unconsciousness until Tuesday morning, when the venerable statesman sank into a state of coma, from which all efforts to rouse him proved futile. During the last hours there was not a movement of the body, and only a scarcely perceptible pulse evidenced the final struggle.

There were present at the bedside when death came the senator's son, Rockwood Hoar, his daugther, Mary Hoar, and D. Warren R. Gilman, who for weeks has been in almost constant attendance upon the sentor.

PAYNE VERY ILL.

Heart Disease Develops in Marked Form in Postmaster.

Washington, Oct. 1. — Postmaster General Henry C. Payne is seriously ill at his apartments at the Hotel Arlington here. Marked symptoms of heart trouble have developed, and his condition became so serious during the day as to cause grave concern.

Mr. Payne returned recently from a trip to the West and appeared much improved, though his health has been poor for a long time. He went to the White House to attend the meeting of the cabinet last Tuesday and that night was very restless. He was at his desk at the postoffice department during the forenoon yesterday, although feeling very badly, and did not return to the department after luncheon, remaining in his room. He became very ill last night, and has been confined to his bed ever since.

Dr. Magruder, who was his physician during his severe illness of some months ago, has been attending him, and Dr. Rixey, the surgeon general of the navy, also has been called. During the evening President and Mrs. Roosevelt called at the hotel and made inquiries regarding the postmaster general's condition. Dr. Magruder on leaving Mr. Payne's room later tonight gave out a statement which admitted the serious nature of Mr. Payne's condition, but said the patient was resting easier then.

STUDENTS GO ON STRIKE.

Chicago School Children Wrongly Believe Negress Is to Teach.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Fifty boy pickets stationed about the McAllister public school here prevented pupils from entering today None of the pickets was more than 15 years old.

Outside the picket cordon, a crowd of 700 boys and girls hooted and yelled at the teachers looking from windows. Every infant striker wore a badge to show that he or she belonged to a "union." Some of the badges were merely scraps of paper with the word "union" scrawled across it. Others wore union buttons which their fathers had worn. Many of the strikers carried clubs. They threatened violence against any child daring to enter the school yard.

The picketing was the result of a "strike" which was caused by a mistaken belief of the children that an assistant kindergarten teacher was colored.

After a detail of six policemen had been sent to the school to preserve order, the "strike" was "settled." A committee appointed by the youthful strikers learned that the rumor of a colored teacher having been employed in the school was false. About 80 per cent of the strikers went back to their classes. Truant officers began a search for the absentees.

Would Try to Reach Arctic.

Christiana, Norway, Oct. 1.—The Duke of Orleans has asked permission of the government to have the Arctic steamer Fram, in which Dr. Nansen made his voyage to the Arctic regions, for the purpose of an arctic expedition in 1905. It is understood that the admiralty will require that the Captain Otto Sverdrup, the former commander of the Fram, shall command the vessel, if the government agrees to the proposition of the duke. The plan of the expedition has been submitted for the approval of the authorities.

Russia Orders Warships.

Paris, Oct. 1.—A dispatch from Toulon states that the Russian government has just ordered from the Compagnie des Forges el Chantiers de la Mediterranee 11 torpedo boat destroyers of the latest pattern, the construction of which is to be begun at once. Four will be built in the dockyards at Havre, four in the Norman dockyards and three at Laseyne. They will take 15 months to build. Russia has also ordered four cruisers of the Bayan type.

Wills City $250,000.

Boston, Oct. 1.—Public bequests aggregating over $1,000,000, the largest being a gift of $250,000 to the city of New Bedford, are contained in the will of the late Mrs. Sarah Potter, of Boston, which was filed for probate this afternoon.