

# OREGON MIST

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

China has invited the battleship fleet to visit her ports.

China is very bitter against the Japanese and the boycott is growing.

Hope for the recovery of Governor Guild, of Massachusetts, is slight.

A wind and rain storm in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama has done great damage to property.

The health of Count Tolstoi, who has been ill for some time, has been restored, and he is again at work.

The Interstate Commerce commission has compiled figures showing the panic has not hurt the railroads.

The annual lumber cut in Michigan has dwindled to less than half of what it was in 1888. The total of 1907 was 1,743,584,000 feet.

A letter addressed: "Your Excellency, Sir Abraham Lincoln, Fifth avenue, New York, U. S. A.," has just arrived in the foreign mail.

The American Dredging company's \$100,000 dredge burned to the water's edge at Oakland, Cal. It was the largest vessel of the kind on the Coast.

An agent of the immigration bureau, who has been investigating the subject of undesirable foreigners, says thousands of anarchists and indigents will be deported.

Illinois is in the midst of a bitter liquor war.

The American cruiser Tacoma is at La Guayara, Venezuela.

Senator Borah says it was the plain people that saved the day in the recent money panic.

A San Francisco Chinese woman wants to be deported to avoid prosecution for stealing \$400.

All union miners have been warned to stay away from Alaska until the labor trouble has been settled.

Two train robbers cut their way through four sets of steel bars at the county jail at Helena and are at liberty.

Dr. Hall-Edwards, one of England's greatest physicians, has lost his left arm as a result of constant use of the X-ray.

Congressman Humphrey says that without ship subsidy Japan could whip the United States as easily as she did Russia.

The largest crowd of sightseers ever in San Francisco is expected when the battleship fleet arrives. Accommodations are being arranged by the hotels for 250,000 people.

Fulton says he will return to Oregon to answer Heney.

Senator Bryan, of Florida, is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

There is a rumor that Heney is investigating Chicago graft.

Canada has appealed to Great Britain to keep out Asiatic labor.

Hearst's Independence league intends to keep the old parties guessing.

Roosevelt is to write a message on amendments to the anti-trust law.

Travel to the Coast from the East will be \$2.50 cheaper than last year.

Fire destroyed the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago, to the extent of \$100,000.

The Susquehanna river is so high that the iron works at Harrisburg have had to close.

The Shanghai, China, council has voted to reduce the number of opium smoking dens by one-fourth.

The United States Steel corporation made earnings of over \$60,000,000 last year. This is more than \$4,000,000 above the earnings of 1906.

Anna Gould says she has had enough of married life.

Count Leo Tolstoi is reported to be ill at Yasnyaya Polana.

Another affidavit by Ruef says Burns used threats to get false testimony.

Abraham Hummel, prominent in the first Thaw trial, has been released from prison.

Miss Wilhelmina Crawford, of Lowell, Mass., 29 years old, has adopted as her son James Butler, who is 46.

Old Benicia barracks, near San Francisco, which has been an army post for 50 years, is to be abandoned, but the arsenal will be retained.

Letters have been received by Mayor Buse, Chief of Police Shipley and Assistant Chief Scheuttler, of Chicago, informing them they will be shot.

### BONFIRE OF CLOTHES.

Chinese Declare Boycott on Japanese Goods.

Canton, March 24.—The greatest indignation prevails here against the government for yielding to the Japanese demands in the Tatsu Maru case, it being considered that the government's action in this matter has brought disgrace upon this province. The Self Government society of Canton has organized several monster indignation meetings, at which resolutions were adopted that the anniversary of the release of the Tatsu Maru be observed as a day of public mourning. The resolutions also declared a boycott against Japanese goods.

More than 50,000 persons attended the mass meetings held yesterday; buildings were draped in mourning and 20 or more orators delivered denunciatory speeches. Among the speakers was a 12-year-old, whose declaration against the Japanese caused the greatest enthusiasm.

A great number of those who had assembled thereupon divested themselves of Japanese-made garments, including caps and handkerchiefs, and made a huge bonfire of them. One dealer in Japanese goods offered to sacrifice his entire stock.

The meeting recommended the impeachment of Yuan Shi Kai of the board of foreign affairs for weakness in yielding to the Japanese.

### OVER MILLION UNEMPLOYED

Effects of the Recent Panic in East and South.

New York, March 24.—In a canvass of the country to ascertain the number of unemployed men, dispatches have been received from many industrial centers with reports of conditions, and from these it is estimated that more than one million men are minus jobs. The reports indicate more than 600,000 unemployed in the chief cities and nearly 600,000 in the states outside the cities.

That there are more unemployed men and women in New York City today than at any previous time in many years past is the belief of union leaders, charity workers and students of social conditions. Estimates of the number out of work vary from 100,000 to 500,000. It is probable that half of the latter number, or 250,000, is about correct.

The following estimate is given by responsible labor leaders: Carpenters, 10,000; tailors, 8,000; rockmen and excavators, 8,000; bricklayers, 7,000; laborers, 20,000; housewifery, 9,000; asphalt workers, 2,000; paperhangers, 2,000; painters, 7,000; rockdrillers, 2,000; engineers, 2,000; pavers, 2,000; plasterers, 2,000; steamfitters, 500; sheet metal workers, 500; compositors, 2,000; pressmen, 1,000; miscellaneous trades, 20,000; unorganized labor, 145,000; total, 250,000.

### DECIDES IMPORTANT CASE.

Interstate Commerce Commission Has No Control Over Ocean.

Washington, March 24.—A decision was promulgated today by the Interstate Commerce commission in one of the most important cases it has been called upon to determine for some time. It is that of the Cosmopolitan Importing company, a Philadelphia organization, chartered under the laws of New Jersey, against the Hamburg-American Packet company, the North German Lloyd Steamship company, the Wilson (Hull) lines and the Scandinavian-American lines.

The complainant's petition was filed with the commission nearly a year ago. Some time subsequently the defendants filed a demurrer, attacking the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The opinion in the case, which is very voluminous, was prepared by Commissioner Franklin K. Lane. In brief, and in effect, the commission decides against itself. It holds that it has no authority over oceanic transportation and thus determines the case adversely to the contention of the complainant.

### Robbers Make Rich Hunt.

Reno, Nev., March 24.—Three robbers, heavily armed, overcame Edward Hoffman and a companion on a road two miles from Rawhide late this afternoon, threw them to the ground, and made off in their victims' two-horse rig, taking gold and bank notes amounting to about \$47,000 with them. The money was consigned to the Coalition Mining company at Rawhide to be used in paying miners' wages and to meet the final payment on one of the properties purchased last week by the Coalition company. Posses are in pursuit.

### Hundreds Perish at Sea.

Tokio, March 24.—The Mutsu Maru, a 900-ton coasting steamer belonging to the Yusen Kaisha line, was sunk in a collision with the Hideyoshi Maru, 696 tons, at 2:30 o'clock this morning two miles off Todohokke, near Hakodate. The captain of the Mutsu Maru, a majority of her 244 passengers and 43 of the crew perished.

## WILL VISIT JAPAN

President Accepts Invitation for Battleship Fleet.

MAY CALL AT CHINESE PORT

Cordial Reception Promised at Yokohama—All Other Invitations Are to Be Declined.

Washington, March 21.—The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the emperor of the Island Kingdom to play host to the fleet was laid before Secretary Root Thursday by Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador. The invitation, which was couched in most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire cabinet yesterday. Mr. Root was directed to accept the invitation and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese ambassador late yesterday. It is regarded in official circles here as more than likely that China will be next to bid for a look at the fleet, and that, should this be the case, the invitation will be accepted.

Secretary Metcalf and Admiral Pillsbury, chief of navigation, are arranging the details of the new itinerary. With the exception of China, it is determined that all other invitations, should any be received, will be declined, for at the best the fleet will not now be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard before the first of next March.

The itinerary, which seems to be the most direct, includes stops at the Hawaiian islands, Samoa, Melbourne, Sydney, Manila, Yokohama—should that port be selected as the stopping place in Japan—possibly a Chinese port, back to the Philippines, and then home by way of the Suez canal, with only such stops as are necessary for coaling.

The fall target practice has been planned to occupy a month at Manila, either before or after the visit to Japan. Although target practice is regarded as decidedly important, and the custom is to have the ships occupy a month in each spring and fall in gun practice, the desire to have the fleet return to its home station may lead to a curtailment of the month planned for Manila.

Japan will have the ships a week, according to the tentative plans. While the stops in foreign ports so far made have been on an average of ten days' duration, a part of that time was occupied in taking on coal. With a visit to Manila, no coaling operations will be necessary in Yokohama. This would enable the entire stay there to be given up to festivities and show features of the visit.

The acceptance of the Japanese invitation is regarded in naval circles as of considerable importance in the way of showing the cordiality existing between Japan and the United States. The added trip is nearly equal in distance to a voyage from New York to Europe.

### HINTS DIRE PLOT.

Heney Imagines Effort Will Be Made to Spirit Reef Away.

San Francisco, March 21.—Abe Ruef, indicted on 116 counts, thinks the sum of \$1,115,000 is too much bail, and says there are 37 counts against him on which the bail is \$370,000, of which he should be relieved, and that the bail on the remaining counts is excessive. Ruef was in court on a writ of habeas corpus.

Assistant District Attorney Heney presented an affidavit stating that Ruef was wealthy, and that he believed that there was a conspiracy to get Ruef out of the country. He cited the attempted kidnaping of James L. Gallagher, on whose testimony he said Ruef would be convicted, and also the attempted kidnaping of ex-Supervisor Lonergan, just before the Tiry L. Ford trial.

Murphy pointed out that at the present rate of progress—over a year and not one trial—it would take 116 years to try Ruef on all the charges. He said a conviction on one or two charges would practically send him to the penitentiary for life.

### Land to Be Thrown Open.

Washington, March 21.—By authority of the secretary of the interior, the public lands in 131,643 acres excluded from the Blue Mountain forest reserve, Oregon, by proclamation of January 9, 1908, will become subject to settlement on June 1, 1908, if not otherwise withdrawn, reserved or appropriated, but not to entry, filing of selection until July 1, 1908, at the United States land offices at Burns, La Grande and The Dalles. Sixty days' notice by publication in newspapers near the lands restored has been authorized.

### New Battleship in Commission.

Philadelphia, March 21.—The new battleship New Hampshire, with Captain Cameron McK. Winslow in charge, was placed in commission at the League Island navy yard today. The warship will be ready for sea in about a month.

### OF ONE OPINION.

House Committee Votes to Forfeit Railroad Land Grants.

Washington, March 23.—Two million acres of land in California and Oregon vested in the Oregon & California Railroad company, owned by the Central Pacific and controlled by E. H. Harriman, will be subjected to suit for recovery of title by the United States, if action taken by the committee on public lands is sustained by the house. The committee agreed to report favorably without amendments a resolution which has already passed the senate, empowering and directing the attorney general to bring suits for the recovery by the United States of the title to the public lands granted to certain Western railroad companies in cases where the conditions stipulated in the grants have not been complied with—such conditions, for example, as governed the grant of land to the Oregon & California Railroad company in the sixties.

Under the grant the land was to be thrown open by the company for sale to bona fide settlers of the United States at not more than \$2.50 an acre and in parcels not exceeding 160 acres each. It is charged that some of this land was sold by the Oregon & California railroad in violation of the conditions named. The refusal of E. H. Harriman, announced by him at the Irrigation congress at Sacramento last year, to sell any portion of the remaining 2,000,000 acres, led to the introduction by Senator Fulton of the resolution which the public lands committee acted on favorably today. Chairman Mondell was authorized to draw the report of the committee, which he will do this week.

### ROOSEVELT'S PROGRAM.

Undertakes to Get New Laws Through Congress.

Washington, March 23.—President Roosevelt has determined on a legislative program the enactment of which will be urged upon congress in a special message which he said today will go in this week. Each of the measures to be proposed involves perplexing difficulties and each will have far-reaching effects on business and economic conditions of the country. The program is the product of important conferences through which the president has been put in possession of the views of all interests concerned. Likewise the attitude of the leaders in both branches of congress has been made known. Its success depends upon the combined effort, which he believes can be brought to bear in behalf of the whole plan by those affected especially by some one of its features.

The program includes: A declaration in favor of revision of the tariff in a special session to be held after March 4, 1909.

An amendment to the Sherman anti-trust law so as to make important concessions to combinations of both labor and capital.

Limiting the powers of certain courts in the use of the injunction in labor disputes.

Passage of an employers' liability bill.

Passage of the Aldrich financial bill.

### LABOR ASKS CABINET SEAT.

Will Urge Congress to Create Government Department.

Washington, March 21.—At the concluding session yesterday, of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor it was decided to urge upon the house committee on labor the necessity for the passage of the pending bill creating a department of labor, the head of which shall be a member of the president's cabinet.

It was decided to make a vigorous effort to secure the passage of laws in the various state legislatures for the abolition of child labor. A memorial of protest similar to the one presented to congress yesterday is to be sent to organized labor and the public generally; it will be prepared by a committee consisting of President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Vice President O'Connell.

The council was not notified that the bill of grievances presented to Vice President Fairbanks yesterday was laid before the senate and referred to the committee on judiciary.

### Indictments Are Dismissed.

San Francisco, March 23.—Judge Dunne this morning dismissed the four remaining extortion indictments against E. E. Schmitts, with the recommendation that the case be submitted to another grand jury, and announced that Theodore V. Halsey will be brought to trial for bribery as soon as the court is able to take up his case. Henry Ach, attorney for Abraham Ruef, was informed by Judge Lawlor that he must make a complete showing in the matter of affidavits in the immunity contract hearing by next Wednesday.

### Tillman Seriously Ill.

Columbia, S. C., March 23.—United States Senator Tillman is seriously ill at his home at Trenton, this state, suffering from a nervous attack due, it is believed by his physicians, to hard work.

## SENTENCE IS

Orchard Must Pay Penalties for Many Crimes.

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Does Not Believe Orchard Guilty—Other Prosecutors Will Come.

Boise, Idaho, March 19.—That he believes Harry Orchard's testimony in the trial of William Haywood and George A. Pettibone the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, told the exact truth, Judge Wood, in the District court, recommended that the state pardons commit Orchard's death to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. The sentence was pronounced in accordance with a plea of guilty entered by Orchard day of last week when arraignment. Wood presided at both the Haywood and Pettibone trials.

In sentencing Orchard and mending the commutation of sentence, Judge Wood reviewed from the time of the killing of Steunenberg to the present.

In regard to the part of the trial, Judge Wood said:

"I am more than satisfied defendant now at the bar of the awaiting final sentence has acted in good faith in making disclosures that he did, but that testified fully and fairly to the truth, withholding nothing of material and declaring nothing had not actually taken place."

Judge Wood, after reading the formally sentenced Orchard on May 18 as the date for the Orchard asked for permission to and it was granted. He then court for the review of the case and for the kindly remarks to him. He repeated that he had whole truth and that no promise of mercy had ever been made to him. Before he had concluded were streaming from his eyes, all but broke down as he spoke broken voice, thanked Judge Wood his recommendation to the pardons.

In Judge Wood's ruling he placed stress upon the crimes and plainly intimated that the prosecutions of those believed to have perpetrated them had not ended.

### IS "INNOCENT PURCHASER"

Harriman is Reported to Have Oregon Land Grant.

Washington, March 19.—It is reported in government circles that a contract has been made by the Oregon & California Railroad company, which it has already agreed to a remaining 2,000,000 acres of land to one single purchaser, and the sum of money has been paid to the road company on account by the purchaser. The attention of a representative of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, who has been contesting innocent purchaser amendments Fulton resolution, was today called to this report, and he remarked: "Whoever has purchased this land to be protected like the rest of merely showing that the lumber parties would be willing that government should make any order to give them a sound title they now hold a shaky one."

The lumbermen left for home pretty well disheartened. The confident when they came but they would have an easy fight, developments before the committee somewhat surprising to them, and they say admit they are ill. Nevertheless it is expected that a tempt will be made when the money goes into the house to secure the title of the innocent purchaser's amendment if the committee reports the title as it passed the senate.

### Italian Trics Bunco Game.

San Francisco, March 19.—A rate bunco game was revealed in Lawlor's court today on the basis of an application for extradition for Dondero, who is wanted in Victoria, C. He is charged with the theft of 400 from Tony Perravinci. In connection with two others, Perravinci and Dondero were to be partners in buying a house. All put their money on the table as a guarantee of good faith, but when the value in which the money was placed to be won by Perravinci there was nothing but some newspaper.

### Abandon Marine Post.

Honolulu, March 19.—The United States tug Iroquois, which will be row for Midway to bring back the ricas guard of 20 marines loaded with orders to bring back also stores, munitions and guns, including that the marine post there is to be abandoned, after being maintained about four years.