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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.

A bitter factional fight occurred in the United Mineworkers' convention. The American battleships Maine and Missouri received a warm welcome at Havana harbor.

The mayor of Portland declares that the entire police force shall become a "moral squad."

A serious clash occurred between American naval officers and the police at Marseilles, France.

Rescued passengers and crew of the lost liner Republic heartily praise the bravery of the captain.

Montana farmers have lost their suit against the smelters to compel abatement of the smoke nuisance.

Eleven miners are embroiled by an explosion in a Pennsylvania mine, and there is little hope for any of them.

A recent conference at the White House decided that a private family is the best possible place to raise children.

Carrie Nation attempted to lecture in London, but was forced to quit by hisses and rotten eggs from the audience.

The Supreme court of the United States has refused to define the law on rebates, as requested by the Alton road in appealing from its recent big fine.

The Oregon Short Line is surveying for a new road along Snake river.

A Thurston, Oregon, farmer was found dead in bed after an attack of nightmare.

The House has refused to increase the pension of the widow of Rear Admiral Oughlin.

The Duke de Abruzzi is the only man who has ever reached the top of Mt. St. Elias, Alaska.

A prominent congressman says Japan appears to have the power of veto over American legislation.

A Denver woman has been stealing to ward off starvation, and left a note for one of her victims asking forgiveness.

A universal earthquake has been recorded by observatories all over Asia. It is believed to have centered in Turkistan.

The Atlantic liner Republic was rammed in midocean by the liner Florida. Wireless messages for help saved all on board.

Three Russian desperadoes killed three persons near London, England, and wounded five others. When closely pursued two of the thugs committed suicide.

Jay Gould has volunteered as probation officer in New York.

The Japanese government is cutting expenses everywhere possible.

Indications are that floods in Oregon, Washington and Idaho are over.

Another ventricle in the Calhoun case reports an attempted bribery.

A water-front fire at Galveston destroyed \$500,000 worth of property.

An anti-race track betting bill has been passed by the California house.

The eruption of Lagnas, in the Philippines, has entirely changed the form of the mountain.

The California floods are worse in some places, but for the most part the waters are subsiding.

Congress is on his way north to be inaugurated governor of Washington and will then return south.

Harriman declares he will cut wages of employees in Wyoming if the legislature passes a 2-cent rate law.

JAPAN TAKES NOTICE.

Would Discourage Emigration and Continue Friendly Relations.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Marquis Katsura, prime minister of Japan, and Count Komura, minister of foreign affairs, recently explained at Tokio to Francis B. Loomis, commissioner-general to the Japanese exposition, in a series of interviews of uncommon importance, the attitude and position of the Japanese government in respect to the main questions at issue between Japan and the United States.

"I was deeply and agreeably impressed," said Mr. Loomis, "with the direct, explicit and what seemed to me satisfactory statement of Count Komura, minister of foreign affairs, respecting the United States. His utterances were frank, clear and cordial."

"Count Komura and Japan's aspirations for peace and that, so far as the United States was concerned, his country most heartily desired to preserve unbroken and unimpaired the history of the friendship between Japan and the United States. He said that the people of Japan had long felt that the United States had been not only a kind friend to Japan, but a very dependable and helpful one, and that this government earnestly desired this amicable relationship to continue and would loyally endeavor to do its utmost to maintain it. He declared the actions of this government had borne out its words and promises."

"In the matter of emigration of Japanese laborers," said Count Komura, "we are doing our utmost to work in harmony with the government of the United States and to meet its wishes. We are energetic in discouraging emigration to the United States and elsewhere except to Corea, Formosa and where games of chance are conducted. This substitute provides that 'if any person being the owner, lessee, proprietor or employer of any cigar store, card room, saloon, barroom, pool billiard room, public poolroom, soft drink establishment, or other public place of amusement, shall suffer or permit any minor to engage in any game of cards, billiards, pool, bagatelle, dice throwing, or other game of chance in such place, either for amusement or otherwise, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.'"

"If any minor shall represent and pretend to the proprietor or employer of such establishment that he is over the age of 21 years he is punishable by a fine of \$10 to \$100."

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—Weather-beaten and stained by the storms of many seas, the lightship Scilla sailed into port today, 125 days out from New York. The little fleet, consisting of three lightships and three tugboats, made its voyage of more than 14,000 miles without mishap, and Captain Albert Mertz, who is in command, is highly pleased with the performance of his staunch little craft. Out of Calis, the lightships were taken in tow by the tenders to save coal, and 175 miles were covered in this way.

The lightship Columbia River No. 88, will go north to guard the entrance of the stream after which she is named. The Swiftsure, No. 93, and the tender Manhattan go to the Straits of Fuca, the entrance to Puget Sound. The Relief and tender Sequoia will remain here, and the tender Kogoi goes to Honolulu.

President-elect Taft and Party Embark on U. S. Cruisers.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 26.—President-elect Taft and wife and many newspaper correspondents, a corps of expert engineers and other distinguished friends, will begin tomorrow morning a cruise that will end at New Orleans February 13.

Mr. Taft and his immediate party will sail on the North Carolina and the others will go on the Montana. Both boats will be crowded to the limit. Returning from Panama the Taft party will be transferred from the warships to the coast cruisers Birmingham and Salem for the trip up the mouth of the Mississippi river. This arrangement will permit the North Carolina and Montana to assist in escorting home the battleship fleet on its return from the world-wide cruise.

Year's Yield \$86,138,000.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 26.—One of the most important and interesting departmental reports ever issued from the government offices is that which has just appeared from the department of mines. The report shows in the aggregate a mineral production for all Canada valued at \$86,138,000 in 1907, as compared with only a little over \$20,000,000 12 years ago. In that portion of the report devoted to the Yukon it is stated that the total production of gold from 1895 to 1907 was \$122,951,000.

Utah May Be Made Dry.

Soft Lake City, Jan. 26.—Prohibition that shall be state wide and absolute is the intent of a bill introduced in the lower branch of Utah's legislature yesterday. The measure, which was drawn under the direction of the anti-saloon league in this city, and which is supposed to have the indorsement of the more influential members of the dominant church in Utah, is drastic in the extreme. Supporters of the prohibition bill assert that two-thirds of the members of the house are pledged in its favor.

California Race Tracks Doomed.

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—That racing in the state of California is doomed and that the present season at the famous Emeryville and Santa Anita courses will mark the passing of the "sport of kings," is the opinion of the majority of race followers at Sacramento. The passage of the Walker-Otis anti-racetrack bill by an overwhelming majority in the lower house has spread consternation in the ranks of the opponents of the proposed law.

Fire Scars Passengers.

Kenmore, Ireland, Jan. 26.—Twenty-four passengers on the packet from Liverpool to Cork had a thrilling experience on Saturday night. Fire was discovered on the ship and with great difficulty all the passengers were transferred to a passing ship. They were landed at Holyhead this morning. The packet was beached and burned to the water's edge.

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, January 26.

Salem, Jan. 26.—Speaker McArthur today introduced in the house a bill which provides that failure on the part of members of any state board or commission to attend two consecutive meetings of such board or commission, except on account of the serious illness of himself or his family, shall have forfeited his office. It is provided in the bill that in event of such delinquency the governor shall appoint other members.

Representative Couch's bill, extending from six months to six years the time in which suits may be filed against the earnings of judgment debtors, was favorably reported in the house.

The house today adopted a resolution providing that in the future when members of that body introduce a bill "by request," they shall be required to inform the house members at whose request the measure is presented. This will enable the legislators to have a knowledge of the real interests behind such bills, many of which are introduced at every session.

Money sharks will be hard hit should a bill of Representative Farrell, introduced today, become a law. The bill invalidates assignments of wages for less than \$200, without the written consent of the employer and the assignor.

Salem, Jan. 26.—The senate judiciary committee this morning reported favorably a substitute for S. B. 29, Parrish, regulating establishments where games of chance are conducted. This substitute provides that "if any person being the owner, lessee, proprietor or employer of any cigar store, card room, saloon, barroom, pool billiard room, public poolroom, soft drink establishment, or other public place of amusement, shall suffer or permit any minor to engage in any game of cards, billiards, pool, bagatelle, dice throwing, or other game of chance in such place, either for amusement or otherwise, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100."

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Monday, January 25.

Salem, Jan. 25.—Plans for two extra circuit judges in Multnomah, each to be paid \$3000 by the state and \$1000 by the county, appeared in the house today in a bill of Representative Jaeger, of Multnomah.

The responsibility of stockholders in banking corporations will be increased considerably if a constitutional amendment, proposed by Representative Fordin, is adopted by the people. It provides that stockholders in banking corporations shall be liable severally for all of the indebtedness of such corporations and that stockholders in all other corporations shall be liable for the amount of their stock subscribed and paid in.

Further demands for normal school aid developed in the house this afternoon when Applegate, of Douglas, introduced two such measures. One calls for the appropriation of nearly \$5000 to cover deficiencies resulting from the operation of the Drain Normal school for the year ending July 1, 1908. The other asks for an appropriation of \$20,000 to meet the expenses of that institution for the biennial period ending December 31, 1910.

Murray, of Curry, revised his bill providing for a reduction in the fee charged mining corporations for filing articles of incorporation and otherwise exempting such companies from the payment of any other assessments to the state.

Free school books furnished by districts is the object of a bill by Representative Jones, of Clackamas.

Salem, Jan. 25.—Bills creating fully 200 new jobs, many of them on fat pay, have been introduced in the Oregon legislature, loading up taxpayers with more than \$1,000,000 salaries and expense for the ensuing two years. This estimate does not include increased pay for county officials, outside of Multnomah, whose rush for "more" has produced a big crop of new bills. Nor does this estimate include the cost of numerous proposed boards, per diem "expense" to be fixed by the legislature. The new jobs are to have the titles of commissioner, inspector, deputy clerk, stenographer and so on. Of this enormous amount of salary and expense money that will be asked of the taxpayers, the senate leads with bills providing for \$818,000, while the house has under consideration measures that provide for \$249,100.

Saturday, Jan. 23.

Salem, Jan. 23.—Senator Hart's mine inspection bill provides for the appointment of an inspector who is to be a deputy in the office of the Labor Commissioner, and give him entire time to the inspection of mines. He is to

To Increase Attendance.

Salem—Plans are maturing for a material addition to the Oregon State fair and if an idea advanced by County Superintendent of Schools W. M. Smith works out, patronage of the fair promises to be increased fully one-third. He hopes to interest the county and state authorities in a scheme for a mammoth school fair, to be conducted in conjunction with the state exposition, and to show here exhibits of every character, all the handiwork of school children. He believes the would interest every parent in the state.

Government to Contest.

Pendleton—Alleging that a number of homesteaders in Gold Springs section of the county have failed to comply with requirements, the government has instituted a series of contest suits. Attorney Fred C. Rabb, who is here representing the government, refuses to divulge the full list of claims to be contested, but it is rumored that a circuit judge and attorney are among the number. The action of the government is based upon petitions sent in by neighbors who have made signed statements.

Bandon Puts in Bulkhead.

Bandon—James Laughhead, of Portland, has arrived here and will begin at once the construction of a bulkhead on the north side of the Coquille river, to protect the bank from the breakers, which dash against it constantly when they come from the southwest. The bank has been washed away to such an extent that the residence of the light-house keeper on the north side of the river is in danger of being undermined.

Only One Passes Muster.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—A single taleman ran the gauntlet of inquiry yesterday in the trial of Patrick Calhoun upon an indictment for bribery, and 11 others, whose examination occupied the entire day, were challenged or excused. The proceedings were almost monotonous and there was not a single clash between opposing attorneys.

JAP AFFAIR IMPORTANT.

Outweighs All Others, is View Taken by Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 22.—In conversation with some of his visitors, particularly Senators Flood, of Colorado, and Fulton, of Oregon, President Roosevelt today went so far as to say he thought nothing pending in congress or any of the differences between himself and congress were of half the importance as the Japanese-California question, which might be resolved by Japan.

Mr. Flood and other Californians have told the president plainly that while they are willing to help him, while they are much confident in the figures of the government as to the decreasing number of Japanese in this country, the facts dispute the figures, and they declare, and that the Japanese are taking possession of whole towns.

The president advised his California visitors that he would like to see a fair trial given to the promise of the Japanese to decrease the number of their citizens in that there is no decrease, then he will no longer use his influence, even after he goes out of office, to prevent hostile legislation.

Mr. Fulton, after his talk at the White house, said that the feeling as to the Japanese in his state was not so acute as in California.

Wisely Reveals Plan.

Spokane Bank's System and Then Judge Good's and Checks.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 22.—Don Carlos Wisely, after telling of having "planted" over \$3,000 in the safety vaults of the Portland Trust company, distributed a confession of how he robbed the Old National bank of Spokane, to raise money to leak the plumbing trade.

"In August, 1907, I obtained a position at the bank as helper on the 'paying teller,'" said Wisely in his statement. "I worked overtime at night to study the bank's system of handling money. It took me just six weeks to find out there was a loophole in the bank's dealings with the evening house through which I could obtain a large amount of money."

"First of all I stole \$1,000 in silver from the vault and covered up the shortage by making a fictitious entry in one of the books. Then, when a check for \$10,000 had passed through my hands and then to the statement clerk, I got it again and made another entry of it. After it passed through the various hands a second time I stopped it again. Later, when another \$10,000 reached the bank from another institution, I took the first one in the clearing house and got out certificates for it."

"I left Spokane immediately after getting the money and went to Portland, where I opened an account under the assumed name of Harry Moore."

Thursday, January 21.

Salem, Jan. 21.—Unless the ways and means committee of the Oregon legislature put on the economy brakes hard this session will go down in history as the most extravagant that ever sat at Salem. It is sure to go down as the most expensive.

Appropriation bills galore have been introduced, and the session is only one-third through. The calls for cash will amount to fully \$5,500,000, and may reach \$6,000,000.

Four bills have been passed by the house and six to the senate, among them being:

Extending until March, 1911, time in which appropriation for purchase of Oregon City locks shall be available; increasing penalties for highway robbery; permitting banks to act as trustees.

Twenty-five new bills appeared in the house today, among them:

Appropriating \$11,500 to aid Malheur county in improving Snake river at Ontario; providing for state veterans; prohibiting manufacture and sale of cigarettes; appropriating \$15,000 annually to aid government in making topographical maps of Oregon.

The senate succeeded in getting only 19 new measures before that body today, among them:

Appropriating \$2,500 annually for experiment station in Eastern Oregon in co-operation with government; treating county of Nesmith from portions of Lane and Douglas counties; to regulate appropriation of water.

Wednesday, January 20.

Salem, Jan. 20.—Confirmation of Chamberlain's selection as United States senator was made today by the legislature, in the manner prescribed by the Federal statute. The two houses met in joint assembly, heard the reading of yesterday's journal, relating to the election in such house, and received from President Bowenman, of the senate, the announcement that Chamberlain had been elected.

Twenty-nine bills were introduced in the house today, among them the following:

Providing for insurance department and creating insurance commissioner at a salary of \$4,000 per annum; requiring doors of public buildings to open outward; regulating use of hats and limiting length to 10 inches; appropriating \$130,000 for additional buildings at the Agricultural college; prohibiting any candidate for office from making pre-election pledges; appropriating \$153,500 for land and dormitories at Weston, Monmouth and Ashland Normal schools; appropriating \$168,000 for salaries and expenses of Weston, Monmouth and Ashland Normal schools.

A large proportion of the bills in both houses were of a local nature.

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FARMERS TAKING STOCK.

Irrigation Congress Forms Big Project for Sandridge Country.

La Grande—Preliminary steps in the formation of an incorporation capitalized at \$600,000 have been taken at the Irrigation Congress, held here and attended by over 400 farmers. The direct result of the meeting was the adoption of a report which provides for the incorporation and the closing of the subscription books on April 1, when the construction of the gigantic project will begin on one of two plans, namely, the irrigation of 20,000 acres by building a long canal to the Sandridge country, or by irrigation 15,000 acres south and east of La Grande by building a less expensive canal in another direction. The cost price for the water under either project will be \$20 an acre.

The detailed plans for the project were prepared by Engineer Young, whose report points out how the Mowlem Brook canyon, 18 miles up the Grande Ronde river from La Grande, is the outlet for an abundance of water. Where the canyon widens into the river, nature has provided stone walls a distance of about 100 feet apart. Here it is that a huge cement dam is to be built. The ends are to be imbedded into the solid rock on either side, preventing possibility of washouts or leaks. This harnessed, the canyon will in the spring store enough water in a natural rock basin behind it to cover 20,000 acres of land with one foot of water.

Flood Damage Confirmed.

Marshfield—It is difficult to estimate the total damage by the flood and the high water, but it will be considerable throughout the county. The loss to individuals in the flooded districts will probably reach \$200,000. The railroad will sustain a heavy loss by the washing of the trestles from the tracks.

The gasoline launch which sank in the Coquille river is a loss of \$1500, with \$500 more in the loss of baggage of passengers.

The lowlands around Coquille river are reported all under water, and the ranchers will suffer heavy losses.

Phone Line for Burns.

Burns—Articles of incorporation were filed a few days ago with the county clerk by the Eastern Oregon Telephone & Telegraph company, with J. B. Jenkins, J. H. Jordan and E. T. Jenkins as incorporators. The principal office is at Burns, and the capital stock is \$10,000. The intention of the company is to put in a line from Burns to Lawes, which will connect the Happy Valley line with the line from Burns to Paulina, both of which the company controls, also to make connections with Vale.

Report on Stamp Sales.

Portland—The committee of the Visiting Nurses' association which had charge of the recent Red Cross stamp sale has rendered final reports as to the result of the campaign for funds to be devoted to the war against tuberculosis which is being waged in all parts of the country. The total amount realized in Portland is \$1,828.16. Complete returns from over the state are not in as yet.

Ackerman Offers Prize.

Salem—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman has announced that his office would offer a prize of \$5 to the high school student submitting the best drawing to be used as a cover page design for "Arbor day," the annual publication devoted to the observance of Arbor day. Details will be given out through a circular letter to be mailed to superintendents.

Fixes Boundary Line.

Salem—Senator Chase has introduced a bill establishing the boundary lines of Coos and Curry counties. It fixes the line in the mountainous country between the counties, there having been much confusion over assessment of property lying on the summit of the ridge. The Chase bill makes the line follow section and quarter section lines, rendering the boundary definite.

Portland Markets.

Barley—Feed, \$27@27.50 per ton; brewing, \$28.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.05; club, 92c; 95c; 92c; red Russian, 90c; 40-fold, 96c; valley, 95c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$33.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@18; clover, \$12@13; alfalfa, \$14; grain hay, \$12@13.

Fruits—Apples, Theos \$3 per box; pears, \$10@11.75 per box; quinces, \$11@12.25 per box; cranberries, \$14.50@15 per barrel; persimmons, \$10@12.5.

Potatoes—\$1.25@1.50 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.75@2.25 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 @ 1.75 per sack; carrots, \$1.25@1.50; parsnips, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.50@1.75; horseradish, 80c per pound; artichokes, \$1.40 per dozen; beans, 2 1/2c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, 3c per crate; eggplant, 1 1/2c per pound; parsley, 30c per dozen; peas, 20c per pound; peppers, 15c@20c per pound; pumpkins, 10c@12 1/2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 10c@12 1/2c per pound.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 37c; fancy outside creamery, 35c@36c; store, 18c@20c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 40c@42 1/2c per dozen; Eastern, 30c@35c.

Poultry—Hens, 12 1/2@13 per pound; spring, large, 1 1/2@2@13c; small, 18c@20c; mixed, 12c@13c; ducks, 19c@20c; geese, 10c@11c; turkeys, 18c@20c.

Wool—Extra, 10c@10 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 7c@8c; heavy, 6c.

Pork—Fancy, 8c@8 1/2c per pound; large, 8c@8 1/2c.

Hops—1908, choice, 7 1/2c per pound; good prime, 6 1/2@7c; medium, 5 1/2@6c; 1907, 2c@2 1/2c; 1906, 1c@1 1/2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10c@14c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15 @ 16 1/2c; mohair, choice, 18@19c.

CARS JUMP TRACK.

Eighteen Injured on a Portland Urban Street Car Line.

Portland, Jan. 20.—Eighteen persons were injured, one fatally, in an accident at Williams avenue and Cherry street at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the trailer of car No. 353, of the St. John line, jumped the track in whirling around a curve, losing both the motor car and trailer.

There were 66 passengers on the cars. A few jumped as the cars leaped from the tracks in their wild flight; others were hurled through windows and still others were pinned on the sidewalk and in the street beneath the mass of debris. Both motorman and conductor stayed with the cars. They were uninjured.

Accidental breaking of the air pipe is said to have been the cause of the disaster. The break occurred several blocks from the scene and was caused by the motorman, R. G. Gove, as blocks away, as the cars approached the down grade leading to the water curve at Williams avenue and Cherry street.

A telegraph pole and maple tree were snapped by the impact. Fortunately there is a wide space of street at its intersection through which the cars swept.

As the cars left the tracks some of the passengers began to jump. Not so many of the 66 passengers escaped with their lives as remarkable.

Most of the passengers were women, few children being aboard.

Excuses are many.

New Panel for Calhoun Jury Man Away Very Fast.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Yesterday's proceedings, opening the second week of the trial of Patrick Calhoun upon an indictment charging the offer of a bribe to a San Francisco superior, resulted in no addition to the three who were temporarily passed last week and it was evident that many would elude before the taking of the testimony was begun. Out of 150 citizens summoned all but 4 escaped service before the opposing attorneys given an opportunity to test them for bias and prejudice.

The preliminary examination by Judge William F. Lawlor was prolonged until within an hour of adjournment, and of the men whose names were actually placed in the box but three were questioned. Two of these admitted bias, and the third, a former streetcar conductor, who was discharged by the United Railroads company prior to the first strike, had not been passed by the defense and was under interrogation by Assistant District Attorney Henny when the day's proceedings ended.

Every variety of excuse covered by the statutes was employed by citizens who escaped service. Many depended upon the representation that their business affairs would suffer irreparable injury. Others presented physician's certificates and half a dozen sought exemption because of previous service in the National Guard. One laborer created some amusement by sending his certificate of service in the militia, and he promptly availed himself of the privilege it carried.

The police guard at the courtroom was increased and few spectators gained admittance.

Rockefeller Gives.

Adds \$1,000,000 to Chicago University Endowment Fund.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—John D. Rockefeller today added \$1,000,000 to the endowment fund of the University of Chicago. The university founder's latest benefaction was announced by Registrar Thomas W. Goodspeed after the receipt of a telegram from John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The gift, which comes in the form of the transfer of securities yielding an annual income of \$40,000, raises the total amount of the oil king's donations to the university to \$24,000,000, of which \$15,000,000 is for endowment purposes. Of this amount more than \$5,000,000 have been given during the past three years.

For the first time on the occasion of a large gift to the university, Mr. Rockefeller did not add a sum for the payment of an expected deficit. The budget for the coming fiscal year beginning July, 1909, amounting to \$1,550,000, will be covered by the university income. For the first time in the history of the Midway school the institution is practically self-supporting.

Eruption in Luzon.

Manila, Jan. 20.—The volcano of Lagnas, in Tayabas province, which forms the southwestern part of the Island of Luzon, became suddenly active between 8 and 9 o'clock last night, and the eruption seriously damaged the surrounding country. No reports of loss of life have been received. Loud reports, detonations and deep rumblings preceded the eruption and were heard during the afternoon. Telegrams received describe the outbreak of the volcano as a "giant explosion of water."

Asia Minor Feels Shock.

Smyrna, Jan. 20.—So far as can be ascertained, eight persons were killed today by an earthquake in this city, and at miles, northwest of this city, and at other neighboring towns. Considerable damage was done to buildings at Phocaea. The population at Chion became panic stricken, though no serious damage resulted. The earthquake was felt here, but there was no loss of life.

The American battleships Louisiana and Virginia are here.

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