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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

## PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

A religious riot in Mexico ended in 15 deaths.

Germany is to establish an aeronautic school.

Taft has rented a house at Beverly, Mass., for a summer home.

Lucky Baldwin's doctor has put in a claim for \$100,000 as his fees.

A sealing steamer has been lost off the Newfoundland coast with its crew of 30.

Japan shows every intention to wield a complete control over Manchurian railroads.

Several severe earthquakes are reported from Peru and much damage to property is feared.

Students of Columbia university, New York, are constructing an airplane along entirely new lines.

Four Chinese trying to enter the United States at San Francisco from a British steamer have been caught.

A San Francisco woman has been awarded \$20,000 for the death of her husband, who was killed by an automobile.

The battleship Massachusetts is again in commission after an illness of two years, during which time she was thoroughly overhauled.

A. C. Swinburne, the poet, is dead.

Many anthracite coal operators have prepared for a strike.

Holland is eagerly awaiting the birth of an heir to the throne.

New York City alone consumed about 25,000,000 eggs Easter.

The army transport Dix is en route to Seattle with exhibits from the Philippines for the fair.

Governor Lilley, of Connecticut, is dangerously sick and little hope is held out for his recovery.

Indictments against Haskell and other prominent Oklahomans for land frauds have been dismissed.

Castro's wife will attempt to have Gomez resign as president of Venezuela and place the dictator again in power.

Figures gathered by the bureau of statistics show that marriages are falling off and divorces increasing in Indiana.

For the first time since the Spanish war the United States army is up to its full strength and recruiting has stopped except to re-enlist men.

A special train was used by a large Eastern firm to carry bonds from San Francisco to New York. This method was cheaper than paying express.

Roosevelt has arrived at Port Said.

Emma Goldman will fight any effort to deport her.

Eleven jurors have been finally accepted in the Calhoun case.

Experiments are being conducted at New York with wireless telephones.

Fifteen automobiles were destroyed in a fire which burned a Chicago garage.

Revenue officers engaged in a pitched battle with moonshiners in West Virginia.

Preparations are nearly complete for the Harriman merger suit at Salt Lake, when the government will try to break the combine said to exist.

Two men were burned to death and three others seriously injured by an explosion of oil tanks at Point Richmond, Cal. The damage will reach \$50,000.

The defense has closed its argument in the case to dissolve the Standard Oil company. After the government finishes the court will take the case under advisement and a decision is not looked for before fall.

Further earthquake shocks are being felt at Messina.

A large gray wolf has been captured in a Chicago suburb.

An Erie, Pa., millionaire has been asked to give up \$5,000 or suffer death.

Reports that the relief work at Messina is a farce continue to find their way out.

All West Indian colonies have been closed against Castro and France will expel him from Martinique.

A 6-year old South Carolina boy shot his 3-year old brother and is said to have attempted to hide the body.

A Columbus, O., official has received a "Black Hand" warning against issuing marriage licenses to blacks and whites.

Someone put a \$10,000 bill in the collection plate of a Washington, D. C., church and the deacons are looking for the donor, feeling sure that it was a mistake.

Robbers held up an Ogden, Utah, gambler and secured \$1,500.

The New York legislature has turned down a direct primary measure.

## MUCH REVENUE LOST.

Amendments Put Through Take Away Twenty Million Dollars.

Washington, April 13.—The estimates of the revenues which the Payne tariff bill will produce have been reduced nearly \$20,000,000 through the amendments made by the house. The senate finance committee must provide means for making up this difference, if the original estimates are to be met. The striking out of several countervailing duty clauses will lessen the bill's productiveness another \$20,000,000.

The amendment taking off the 8-cent duty on tea subtracted \$78,000,000 from the estimated revenues. The striking out of the countervailing duty on coffee disposes of what probably would have been \$15,000,000 in duties.

Taking out the countervailing proviso for lumber and for petroleum means a lost opportunity to increase the revenues by several million dollars, it is estimated.

The senate finance committee materially reduced many of the Dingley bill's schedules as it passed the house, but in order to increase the revenue-producing power of the Payne bill the committee must take different action with regard to the latter measure.

In 1897 the senate committee placed a duty of 1 1/2 cents per pound on hides, which was changed later to 15 per cent, but the Payne bill, as it passed the house, places hides on the free list. Under the Dingley law, hides have produced more than \$3,000,000 revenue annually.

There are many changes in the Payne bill from the provisions of the Dingley law. Its maximum and minimum retaliatory feature, the additional method of valuation for the purpose of preventing under-valuations and its provisions for the \$40,000,000 issuance of Panama bonds and a \$250,000,000 issue of Treasury certificates are new. It extends the drawback privileges so that domestic raw material may be used in lieu of imported material for the purpose of collecting a drawback, provided an equal amount of identical imported raw material is manufactured into the same product upon which the drawback is collected.

An inheritance tax, by which it is hoped that \$20,000,000 will be collected, is provided for.

In placing a large number of articles on the free list and in reducing the duties on many others, it has been found necessary to increase materially the duties on many articles in order to produce necessary revenue.

The Payne bill increased materially the rates on brandy, alcohol, gin, grain spirits, cordials and liquors, but made virtually no increase on champagne. The senate committee has decided upon an increase amounting to about 25 per cent above the existing rates on wines of all kinds.

A number of other articles, regarded as luxuries, have been increased.

## NIAGARA IS STILLED.

Great River is Frozen Solidly From Bank to Bank.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 13.—The voice of Niagara was mute today, for the second time in the memory of man, and the river is frozen solidly from bank to bank.

On Wednesday the worst gale of the season piled the solid icefields of Lake Erie in a huge mass at the lower end of the lake. At Niagara Falls there had been a heavy ice bridge in the pool below the cataract since the middle of winter. Under the impact of the ice of the lake above and the added force brought through by the wind, the bridge gave way and began to surge down the rapids. But before it could win freedom in Lake Ontario, the wind shifted to the north. Instantly the moving floes packed at the mouth of the river. The pack froze steadily, and each hour brought added pressure from above.

Unable to traverse its natural channels, the level of the river rose quickly. The highest flood level recorded from previous years is 28 feet above the normal. Last night the river was 40 feet above normal. Water poured over the window sills of the power house and flooded the machines. The tracks of the Great Gorge route were covered from the lower steel arch bridge to Lewiston.

Conservative estimates place the damage at \$1,000,000.

## Never Heard of Teddy.

San Bernardino, Cal., April 13.—Albert Courtney, 70 years old, and for 15 years a recluse miner, arrived in this city today from the wilds of Southern Nevada. He said he had seen very few persons during his long isolation. Upon his arrival here he learned for the first time that Queen Victoria was dead, and expressed surprise and would not believe it until shown papers mentioning King Edward of Great Britain. When newspapermen asked if he knew "Teddy" he thought they were joking with him.

## British Sailors Landed.

London, April 13.—The Persian situation is gradually developing in the direction of Anglo-Russian intervention. British bluejackets were landed on the cruiser Fox at Bushire yesterday, after a British resident had issued a proclamation holding forth the necessity of this action because the local authorities were unable to protect foreigners. It is understood that the landing had been sanctioned by the Russian government.

## Castro Barred Again.

Copenhagen, April 13.—The government has instructed the governor of the Danish West Indies under no circumstances to permit ex-President Castro to land in that territory.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### NO NEED TO COMPROMISE.

Oregon Already Owns Sand Island, Says Governor Benson.

Salem—Governor M. E. Hay, of Washington, has written Governor Benson, of this state, in regard to the boundary question long pending between the two states. It is understood the Washington authorities favor an arbitration commission to consider the entire question.

Governor Benson has acknowledged the receipt of the communication from the governor of Washington and has taken the matter under advisement. While he will say nothing as to the merits of the matter, it is gathered from other sources that the Oregon authorities may not be anxious to hand the matter over to a commission, since the Supreme court of the United States has already rendered a decision in favor of Oregon's contention in the matter.

The principal ground for litigation is Sand Island at the mouth of the Columbia. The Washington people are now making an effort to have the case reopened by the United States Supreme court.

### NORMAL GETS LITTLE AID.

Eastern Oregon Indifferent as to Fate of Institution.

Weston—J. O. Russell, physical director and teacher of mathematics at the Weston normal, has returned from an Eastern Oregon trip in the interests of the school. Among the places visited were Hermiston, Arlington, Cove, La Grande and Elgin.

Mr. Russell reports that he met with much popular misconception as to the nature and sphere of normal school work, and the financial encouragement offered was rather slim. For instance, the La Grande subscription toward running the school until the end of the present year, which closes with commencement May 25, was only \$55.

In Mr. Russell's view there is no hope for any general assistance throughout Eastern Oregon toward continuing the school until such time as it would be possible to obtain state aid by means of the initiative measure, which it is proposed to submit at the November election in 1910.

### Smuggled Oats, Says O. R. & N.

Salem—Complaint is made against the Frank L. Smith Meat company by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company before the railroad commission for false billing, by which, it is claimed, the meat company smuggled 60 sacks of oats into Portland with a consignment of baled hay from Hutchinson spur. It is the contention of the attorneys for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company that persons and corporations other than railroad companies may be found guilty of a misdemeanor under the railroad commission act of 1907, and that when the corporation by false billing obtains transportation for less than the published tariff it may be prosecuted, and if found guilty, be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$1,000.

### Plan Strawberry Day.

Milton.—Plans which were started for the celebration of Milton's annual strawberry day, at a meeting of the Progressive association held in Alliance hall, are progressing, and it is thought by the next meeting all of the preliminary work will have been completed. It is proposed this year to celebrate on a more extensive scale than ever before. Besides an excellent literary and musical program, a big horse show will form a part of the festivities. This was last year an important part of the program, but arrangements are being made to make it much better than on last season, horses being entered from all the towns in Umatilla county and many across the line in Washington.

### Shearing Season Is On.

Pendleton.—With the starting of large sheep shearing plants at Arlington and Echo, the shearing season in Eastern Oregon has formally opened. Those shearing are Symthe & Symthe, at Arlington, and Stanfield Bros., at Echo. With an exceptionally clean fleece of good quality and prices from two to five cents higher than last year, the season has opened under the most auspicious circumstances for some years.

### Improve Drewsey-Burns Road.

Drewsey.—A new road is being made this week over the Drewsey mountain, which is crossed by passengers en route to Burns. When completed the road will be greatly improved. Herebefore it has been so steep as to make it difficult for horses to pull even an empty wagon, and the drive down has been very dangerous. The new road is being cut around the mountain.

### State Gets Ship's Guns.

Salem—Governor Benson has received a letter from the Secretary of the Navy George L. von Meyer, stating that the 13-inch guns of the Oregon have not yet been condemned and consequently cannot be given to the state or to other applicants. It is understood the government will send two of the 6-inch guns to Salem for the state-house lawn.

### Land to Be Thrown Open.

Salem.—The desert land board, at its meeting in the statehouse decided to grant the application of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company and throw open the company's segregation of about 8,000 acres. The land opened is known as list No. 6. The protest of A. M. Drake, of Portland, was thus overruled.

### LOADS MUST BE HEAVY.

Some Absurd Blunders in New Oregon Road Law.

Salem—Among the quaint and curious blunders of the recent session of the Oregon legislature was the passage of a bill making it unlawful to drive a wagon on any improved road west of the Cascade range, weighing with its burden less than 2,500 pounds. The bill is house bill No. 81, and is designed to protect the roads from the result of overloading narrow-tire wagons.

The bill was referred to the house committee on roads and highways and by them amended and jumbled up. Section 2 gives county courts authority to regulate the weight of all loads of various commodities, between the first day of October and the first day of May of each year. Section 3 was amended to read, in referring to the weight of loads that may be hauled:

"And the maximum weight thereof shall not be made less than 2,500 pounds nor more than 3,000 pounds for any vehicle having tires of any width less than four inches, nor less than 3,500 pounds nor more than 4,500 pounds for any vehicle having tires of more than four inches and less than six inches in width, nor less than 4,500 pounds for any vehicle having tires of six inches or more in width," etc.

The bill is intended to apply to counties wholly or in part west of the Cascade range.

Any violation may be punished by county courts for contempt of court.

### Copper Mine Near Rogue.

Roseburg.—A valuable mineral find in Southern Oregon has just been reported by G. W. Morris, an old time prospector from California. It consists of a ledge of rich copper ore, carrying \$17.48 in gold to the ton. The mineral crops out of the ground for a distance of 600 feet, and the ledge is from 500 to 600 feet in length. A piece of the ore about a foot square yielded over three ounces of copper. The ledge is situated at the top of a mountain about eight miles south of Roseburg.

### New County Up to Voters.

Salem—Advocates of the creation of a county of Nesmith have not given up the fight, but will initiate the measure which failed in the legislature. This became evident when A. B. Wood, of Cottage Grove, called on Attorney General Crawford to secure the latter's opinion as to the legality of an initiative petition prepared for the purpose of appealing the Nesmith county matter to the people of the state at the next election.

### Teachers to Meet June 29.

Salem—The 1909 meeting of the State Teachers' association will be held at Albany on June 29 and 30 and July 1 and 2, and the state convention of county superintendents at Salem on June 28 and 29. These dates were fixed at a meeting of the executive committee of the State Teachers' association held in the office of State Superintendent Ackerman.

### UNITED STATES AROUSED.

Nicaraguan President Must Account for Mutilating Papers.

Washington, April 9.—Nicaraguan mutilation of official dispatches to this government and continued grave conditions in Central America, are under earnest consideration of the Washington government. Investigation have convinced the officials here that cipher dispatches passing between John H. Gregory, the American charge at Managua, Nicaragua, and the State department at Washington were purposely mutilated.

It would not be surprising, in view of the unsatisfactory conditions, if the American government should take active steps to end the existing state of affairs in Central America and notify Nicaragua that henceforth peace must prevail at all hazards.

Moral suasion with Nicaragua has failed to accomplish the object sought—that of impressing her with the desire both of the United States and Mexico that there be a cessation of the contentions which keep other Central American republics constantly guessing. Intervention in Central American affairs has been talked of unofficially.

Build Sanitarium at Once.

Chicago, April 9.—The city's approval of a municipal tuberculosis sanitarium by a vote of 4 to 1 has been followed by immediate activity in preparations looking toward its establishment. The idea is to have the sanitarium completed by a year from next fall. The first tax levy cannot be made until next year. If it is found possible to borrow on the strength of next year's tax, the work will be begun almost immediately. According to tentative plans, the sanitarium will be located outside the city.

Boosts for Irrigation.

Helena, Mont., April 9.—Arthur Hoeker, secretary of the National Irrigation congress, which will meet in Spokane August 9 to 14 next, is in attendance at the Montana publicity meeting here. He said: "The irrigation congress has a national policy to preserve the forests, store the floods, reclaim the deserts, make homes on the land. It emphasizes the great value of water to American people. It shows the immense development possible."

Balloon Italia Tumbles.

Schio, Italy, April 9.—The trial of the dirigible balloon Italia today ended disastrously. After maneuvering for some time at a height of 1,200 feet, the engine broke down and the balloon descended precipitately. It was badly damaged, but the aeronauts were not hurt.

## GALE CAUSES LOSS.

Severe Wind Storm Passes Over Atlantic Coast States.

Boston, April 9.—Moving Eastward with increasing velocity, the storm which has done so much damage in the Central and Lake states today swept over New England, and a tale of woe has poured into this city from shipping interests as a result. The gale has varied in velocity from 50 to over 92 miles an hour, and shipping up and down the coast has sought shelter.

From off the Rhode island coast it is reported that three barges with their crews have been blown out to sea, and staunch ocean-going tugs have started to their relief. On the treacherous sands off Cape Cod a sloop is reported ashore, and from Vineyard Haven it is reported that many vessels have put in there in a disabled condition.

In the path swept by the storm wires are just being restored to working order, and tales of loss of life and suffering are rapidly coming in.

Throughout Eastern Canada the gale was particularly severe, and from Ontario it is reported that many houses were unroofed. A schoolhouse at Guelph was demolished and many persons injured.

In Rochester, N. Y., the gale acquired a velocity of 58 miles an hour, and one man was killed. At Wheeling, W. Va., one man was killed and three seriously injured.

The oil country near Pittsburg suffered great damage in the gale, and over 2,000 derricks over the wells were blown down. The loss to oil men will total at least \$100,000. Houses, barns and fences throughout the country were wrecked.

### MODJESKA PASSES AWAY.

Famous Actress Loses in Her Battle Against Death.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—Madame Helena Modjeska, the famous Polish tragedienne and one of the most noted actresses of the American stage, died at 10 o'clock yesterday at her island home at Bay City, in Orange county, at the age of 65, after an illness of about two months. For several days she had been unconscious and her death was almost hourly expected. Bright's disease, complicated with heart trouble, was the immediate cause of death.

Gathered around the bedside of the noted actress when she died were Count Bozenta, husband of Madame Modjeska; Ralph Modjeska and his wife, son and daughter-in-law, of Chicago, and Dr. J. C. Boyd, the family physician. The fatal illness of Madame Modjeska has been a hard strain on the count and the other members of the family, who have watched almost incessantly at her side for a month past.

The body of the actress will be embalmed and taken to Los Angeles, where it will lie in a vault for some time. Later Count Bozenta will take the body to Cracow, Poland, the early home of Modjeska, and there it will be interred.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.25@1.30; bluestem shipping, \$1.17@1.18; club, \$1.14@1.16; Turkey red, \$1.15; Russian red, \$1.08@1.09; valley, \$1.10.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@41 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$32.50@33.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@19; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$14@14.50; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@14.50; vetch, \$13.50@14.

Apples—65c@2.50 per box.

Potatoes—\$1.25@1.40 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2@3c per pound.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; artichokes, 65c@85c per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 75c@85c per dozen; cabbage, 2 1/2@4 1/2c per pound; lettuce, head, 85c per dozen; onions, 40c@50c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; rhubarb, 36c per pound; spinach, 4c.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 27 1/2@29c; fancy outside creamery, 25c@29c per pound; store, 18@20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 21 1/2@22c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 10 1/2@17 1/2c per pound; broilers, 25c; fryers, 18c@22 1/2c; roosters, old, 10@11c; young, 14@15c; ducks, 20@22 1/2c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.75@1.85 per hundred.

Veal—Extras, 10@10 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 8 1/2@9c; heavy, 7@8c.

Pork—Fancy, 9 1/2@10c per pound; large, 8@9c.

Hops—1909 contracts, 9c per pound; 1908 crop, 6 1/2@7c; 1907 crop, 3@4 1/2c; 1906 crop, 1 1/2@2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@18c per pound; valley, medium, 18 1/2@19c; coarse, 17@17 1/2c per pound, Portland; mohair, choice, 23@23 1/2c per pound.

Cattle—Top steers, \$5.25@5.50; fair to good, \$4.75@5; common to medium, \$3.25@4.50; cows, top, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@4; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, fat, \$1@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.25@7.50; fair to good, \$6.75@7; stockers, \$5.50@6.50; China fats, \$6.75.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$5@5.75; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, top, \$6.50@7; fair to good, \$6@6.25; spring lambs, \$7.

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