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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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

Japan's average death rate is between 17 and 18 per 1,000.

Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, of Portland, may be offered the Mexican ambassadorship.

Conductors and brakemen on the Southern Pacific are to work three days less a month.

An investigation of alleged bad conduct of two Federal judges of Missouri has been asked.

Oscar S. Straus has been appointed ambassador to Turkey and W. W. Rockhill goes to Russia.

A tourist passenger car and 26 occupants are quarantined at Salt Lake on account of a case of scarlet fever.

Seattle Japanese are to spend \$5,000 in entertaining the officers and men on the mikado's warships which visit the fair.

In a further effort to establish the lobster industry on the Pacific coast a carload is to be sent from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

After September 1 next it will be a misdemeanor to allow children less than 16 to attend moving picture shows unless accompanied by parents.

Burglars were caught in the act of robbery at San Francisco and two were captured and one escaped. Over 30 shots were fired. One of the men caught received a wound.

Lead miners in Missouri are on strike.

Roosevelt has killed three lions and Kermit one.

The Japanese squadron was given a great reception at San Francisco.

Congress has now seven Smiths, three in the senate and four in the house.

An immense stream of colonists is coming to the coast from all parts of the East.

Anarchists attacked police at Buenos Ayres and 100 men were killed and wounded in the riot.

A lake steamer is missing and the crew and 42 persons are believed to have been drowned.

A railroad which is being built in Honduras will be equipped entirely with wireless telegraphy.

A woman delayed the American liner St. Louis eight minutes at New York while she hunted for a \$1.50 baby carriage.

A Japanese at Los Angeles has sued a paper for \$10,000 damages because among other things it called him a "dare-devil."

War is being waged for control of Zion City by the old city officers and those just elected. This is the city founded by Dowdy.

Serious floods are feared along the Ohio river following the storm.

Over 3,000 men employed on Great Lake steamers have gone on strike.

Snow and frost in the Middle West have destroyed fruit and other crops.

Four inches of snow covers Wisconsin and a fierce gale is causing much inconvenience.

It is said a copper trust is planned in New York to control the entire output of the country.

Much money and food is being sent to the massacre zone of Asiatic Turkey, but more is needed.

Searching parties are digging in the grounds of the palace of the former sultan in a search for his wealth.

Abdul Hamid will probably be transferred to Monastir, as it is not believed his life is safe at Salonica.

Canada will control the cutting of timber on the Pacific coast to 12,000,000 feet per year for the next 60 years.

The Oregon railroad commission has ordered reductions in express charges along the entire line of the O. R. & N. The reduction is approximately 25 per cent.

Rapid progress is being made in the Calhoun trial.

Turkish troops have relieved Hadjin and stopped the massacres.

The British budget proposes radical new taxes to wipe out the deficit.

The paying teller of an Oakland bank has been arrested for embezzling.

Ex-Chief of Police Fink, of Rowell, N. M., has been indicted for smuggling in Chinese.

Captain Robinson, of the wrecked steamer Indiana, has taken his own life, being unable to bear the disgrace.

Strong evidence of discrimination by Harriman lines against Salt Lake has been brought out in the merger suit.

A tornado in Indiana tore away 600 feet of the west wall of the state penitentiary. No one was hurt and militia has been ordered out to guard the convicts.

PRESIDENT IS BOSS.

New Senate Measure Gives Power to Start Tariff War.

Washington, May 4.—The senate tariff bill, in the section which deals with the maximum and minimum proposition, has, in the judgment of tariff experts, one very important feature. It practically vests in the president the power to declare a tariff war against any nation or to refrain from any such war.

It is given to him to decide whether any nation is discriminating against the products of the United States in its system of duties. This permits the government, through the State department and the other agencies provided by law, to make agreements with other nations as to trade and tariff concessions which can be made effective by a proclamation of the president, without the necessity of anything in the way of legislation or treaty agreement.

The bill authorizes the president to employ at his discretion any persons to procure information or assist him in the discharge of these duties, which would mean that he can appoint commissioners representing the United States to go abroad and make agreements with foreign nations.

At the same time, attention is paid to the wishes of those who are not in favor of reciprocal agreements of any kind. The proposition makes it impossible to have any rate established lower than the rate in the tariff law. Any change in the case of any nation must be a change in the way of higher duties. No amount of bargaining or concession can secure for any country any reduction in the tariff law.

MORE EXECUTIONS COMING.

Example to Be Set by Public Hangings in Constantinople.

London, May 4.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Constantinople says that in an interview, Enver Bey, one of the leaders of the Young Turks, declared they had proofs that a massacre of all Turks suspected of Liberalism had been projected in Constantinople and was prevented only by General Scheffer hastening the occupation of the capital.

Enver Bey said he now had no fear that Abdul Hamid would become the center of new revolts. He believed as a result of the court martial there would be an additional 100 executions and as many persons more would be sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor.

The executions would be public, in various parts of the city, beginning probably tomorrow, as it was necessary to show a salutary example. The former sultan, Enver Bey asserted, already had been punished and would not be put on trial.

SEARCH ON FOR ABDUL'S CASH

Reported to Have Kept Much Money Hidden in Palace.

Constantinople, May 4.—The treasures of the palace of Yildiz are being inventoried by a parliamentary commission. Abdul Hamid took the open hills pastures 30 years ago, gradually transformed them into gardens, among which he constructed pavilions for himself, his wives, his children and the palace favorites. He gathered there an immense variety of objects of art and luxury, services of silver and gold, French and Oriental carpets, Greek sculptures taken from the museums of Constantinople, presents of most of the sovereigns of Europe and gifts from wealthy subjects.

Search is being made for the hoards of cash which Abdul Hamid is reported always to have had on hand. He has also great sums invested abroad. None, however, has been found as yet, although the ex-sultan must have had at least a few hundred thousand pounds in the domestic exchequer.

Criminal Identified.

Paris, May 4.—M. Bertillon, director of the Anthropometric department of police, has identified a man now being held by the San Francisco police as Arthur Bernard, a dangerous criminal. San Francisco and gave the name of Samuel. The California authorities forwarded to M. Bertillon measurements and photographs of the prisoner and the identification followed. M. Bertillon says Bernard has been tried twice and convicted, the first time for theft and the second time for murder.

Much Work Ahead.

Springfield, Ill., May 4.—With adjournment only three or four weeks away the legislature will redouble its activity the coming week to clear the calendars of the masses of bills that have accumulated. The senate is for taking a sine die adjournment May 22, and has adopted a joint resolution fixing that day as the time for winding up the session, but the house is shouting for more time, and will probably set May 28 or 29 as the time.

Roosevelt to See Pope.

Rome, May 4.—While on the Red sea, April 17, en route to Mombasa, Theodore Roosevelt wrote a letter to Cardinal Satolli in which he said: "I look forward to renewing our acquaintance a year hence, when I shall present my respects to the holy father, to whom I beg of you to give my personal regards."

Cold Wave Hits France.

Paris, May 4.—Northeastern France is in the grip of an unprecedented cold wave. There have been snowfalls at several places and it is feared that the fruit crops and vineyards have been seriously damaged.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BIG SHEEP MOVEMENT.

Great Activity Reported Around Pendleton by Secretary Smythe.

Pendleton—Secretary Dan P. Smythe, of the State Wool Growers' association, reports great activity in the movement of sheep in this section and several large sheep sales during the past few days. One of the largest of these sales is reported from the vicinity of Arlington, where between 20,000 and 25,000 head of yearlings have been shipped to outside markets. The sale price received for the mixed yearling weathers ranged from \$3 to \$4 per head, as compared with the prices of from \$2.75 to \$3.25 received for the same grades last year. The buyers are Wright of North Yakima and K. F. Bicknell and Scott Anderson, who will ship to Idaho.

Sheep shearing in Umatilla county will last for perhaps two weeks yet, though some of the earlier shearers have already finished their season's clipping. Results from the shearing plants prove that the earlier prophecy of good clips for this year is proving as predicted. The fleeces are found to be unbroken and the staple good, due largely to the early grass and the better than common condition of the sheep because of the close winter.

WILL HOLD BERRY FESTIVAL.

Roseburg Plans Two Days' Program for May 14 and 15.

Roseburg—The date of the proposed strawberry festival to be held in Roseburg has been set by the Commercial club for Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. The two days will be given over to displays of strawberries. A program for both days has been prepared. On the evening of the first day the women will give a musical.

The occasion will also be taken advantage of by the importers and raisers of blooded livestock, and a large parade of animals is expected.

The Ashland lodge of Elks, accompanied by members of that order from different towns in Southern Oregon, will visit Roseburg on Saturday, the second day of the festival. The visitors will number about 250.

Freewriter Values Soar.

Freewater—Land values in this district are constantly increasing in value. Two sales have been made this week, one consisting of 23 acres, a part of the Ragdale tract, for \$725 an acre, the other being a part of the Brown ranch, at Babcock crossing, for \$700 an acre. The Pleasant valley country, which a year ago was sagebrush land, has been put under cultivation, the raw lands having been sold for \$125 an acre. Now this same land is selling for \$300 an acre. The school, which was built three years ago, has had to be enlarged, and the contract for the addition was let this week for a \$1,000 addition.

Gilliam Farmers Join Union.

Condon—Dr. W. R. Campbell, of Pendleton, state organizer of the Eastern Oregon branch of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union of America, has affected an organization of farmers in this vicinity. It will be the aim to secure equitable freight rates, lower warehouse charges and to investigate the different methods of handling grain. The organization will work in conjunction with the different granges of the county and state.

Lust for Gold Hits Coos.

Marshfield—The lust for gold has struck Myrtle Point and the country about it. It is believed the mother lode, which has long been an object of search, has at last been discovered. A rancher named Mastick brought specimens to town and sold them, the first lot for \$2.50, and the second for about \$100. They looked as though pounded out in a mortar from the quartz. Many ranchers have caught the fever and are prospecting.

Fine Cattle Sold at Echo.

Echo—A Portland meat company has bought 70 head of cattle from Bennett & Spike at \$5.50, the highest price ever paid in the Echo country. The average weight was 1,520 pounds. The heaviest steer weighed 1,730 pounds, and brought the owners \$93.20.

Prune Orchard Brings \$15,000.

Salem—A. F. Hofer, W. P. Babcock and other local business men have closed a deal for the Jory prune ranch of 128 acres south of Salem. The price was \$15,250. The farm, which is one of the best in this section, will be subdivided.

FRUIT MEN ARE ANGERED.

Accuse Inspector Taylor of Circulating False Reports.

Central Point—Fruit men of this section are indignant over reports alleged to have been circulated by County Fruit Inspector Taylor to the effect that the crops in many of the orchards in his jurisdiction are totally ruined. These gentlemen declare emphatically that the story is without foundation, and that it had the effect of damaging their properties, in the most promising section of the Rogue river valley.

Steps will be immediately taken for a full and complete investigation leading to the discovery of the identity of the author of these false reports, and if circumstances warrant it, it is said Mr. Taylor's removal from office will be demanded by the orchardists.

Fruit men report but few trees affected by recent frosts, and in almost all cases the frost has but tended to lessen the cost of thinning the fruit.

F. H. Hopkins, owner of one of the largest orchards on Rogue river, and whose orchard has not been protected by smudging or otherwise, reports no appreciable damage, as do Edward Hanley, William Stewart, J. W. Merritt, W. H. Norcross and other orchardists.

Heppner's Clip is Sold.

Heppner—Wool has been transferred in Heppner this week to the extent of over 1,000,000 pounds. W. W. Smead has purchased nearly 800,000 pounds of this for William Ellery and the balance has been secured by Frank Lee for F. Frankenstein. The lowest price paid was 18 cents and the highest 20 1/2 cents. Smead is now offering 21 cents and it is likely he will secure several more clips before the rush is over. Sheep are all sold and the wool will be practically all off the market by the middle of next week.

Settle Siletz Contests.

Washington—Representative Hawley has made a strong personal appeal to Secretary Ballinger and Land Commissioner Bennett to take up and finally adjudicate the long pending suspended Siletz homestead entries. The secretary and commissioner assured Mr. Hawley that they would give orders that these cases be expedited and that, in deciding them, they will take into account the conditions as he explained.

Santiam Bridged at Detroit.

Albany—A suspension bridge has been erected across the North Santiam river at Detroit, eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad. The bridge was erected by John Outerson, a Detroit merchant, and is the first bridge to connect the Linn and Marion county sides of the river directly above Detroit. There is an old wooden bridge a short distance above the town.

Ground Acquired for Asylum.

Salem—The asylum board has purchased from the Willamette Endowment association five acres of land north of the asylum for \$3,000. One of the new buildings for which an appropriation was made by the last legislature will be located partly on the land just acquired.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20@1.25; Turkey red, \$1.25; valley, \$1.17; forty-fort, \$1.25; red Russian, \$1.17 1/2@1.20.

Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@41.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50@19.50; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50.

Apples—6@8@2.50 per box.

Potatoes—\$1.85@2 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10¢ per dozen; artichokes, 60¢@75¢ per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 12 1/2@15¢ per dozen; lettuce, head, 20¢@50¢ per dozen; onions, 12 1/2@15¢; parsley, 35¢; radishes, 15¢@20¢; rhubarb, 2 1/2@3 1/2¢ per pound; spinach, 90¢@1.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 24¢; fancy outside creamery, 22¢@24¢ per pound; store, 18¢@20¢. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24¢@25¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15¢@15 1/2¢ per pound; broilers, 25¢@28¢; fryers, 18¢@22 1/2¢; roasters, old, 10¢@11¢; young, 14¢@15¢; ducks, 20¢@22 1/2¢; geese, 10¢@11¢; turkeys, 20¢; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

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

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

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 15¢@20¢ per pound; valley, fine, 22¢; medium, 21¢; coarse, 20¢; mohair, choice, 24¢@25¢.

Cattle—Top steers, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$5@5.25; common to medium, \$4.50@4.75; cows, top, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, fat, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.50@7.75; fair to good, \$7.25@7.50; stockers, \$6@6.50; China fats, \$6.75@7.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.50; fair to good, \$3.50@4; ewes, 1/2¢ less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50@4.75; fair to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$6.

DEATH AND RUIN.

Wind and Snow Storm Leave Trail of Havoc in Middle West.

Chicago, April 30.—Two terrific storms, sweeping over Middle West states within 12 hours of each other yesterday paralyzed the region from Chicago to the Gulf as seldom before. Both storms were accompanied by thunder and lightning and deluging torrents of rain, and both caused loss of life, not only in this city, but in regions to the south.

Two towns, Harroton, Ark., and Hornlake, Miss., are reported as completely demolished by tornado-like winds that swept over the prairies during the day; and reports of death and destruction in a lesser degree are coming in over the crippled wires from every point with which communication can be opened.

Coincident with the violent gale reported in the Middle states, unseasonable falls of snow are reported to both the east and west of the stricken area. In New York several inches of snow is reported from the rural districts, while the big metropolis itself had a violent snow squall early in the day. From Wyoming comes the report of suffering on the sheep ranges caused by a five-inch fall of snow.

Snow is also reported from Pittsburgh, Milwaukee and Montana points.

A squall, with wind blowing 45 miles an hour, and rain falling in torrents, struck Chicago at 6:15 o'clock last night. Wires went down in every direction and communication with other cities was completely severed.

CONSPIRATORS ARE HANGED.

Constitutionalists Invoke Rigid Justice to Leaders of Uprising.

Constantinople, April 30.—The Constitutionalists have lost no time in bringing the conspirators in the recent rising to trial. The military court, sitting in the war office today condemned about 250 prisoners to death, and they were executed.

Nadir Pasha, the second eunuch of the palace, whose sentence was pronounced Wednesday, was hanged at dawn on the Galata bridge and his body was viewed by thousands. The national assembly, which met under the presidency of Said Pasha, decided that the sultan should take the oath of the constitution within a week. The assembly also ratified the removal of Abdul Hamid to Salonica.

The government has decided to send a commission to Adana to try by court martial the instigators of the massacres and the committee is authorized to act with the utmost severity.

It is alleged that the chief authors of the recent mutiny were Abdul Hamid's favorite son, Prince Mehmed Burhan Eddine; Rear Admiral Said Pasha, son of Kiamil Pasha, the ex-grand vizier, and Nadir Pasha, who were engaged for a long time prior to the rising in corrupting the troops. The former two have fled.

HOLD-UP IN IDAHO.

Bandits Loot Mail Car on Northern Pacific Railroad.

Spokane, Wash., April 30.—Two men held up Northern Pacific train No. 3 last night at 10:25 o'clock, three miles east of Houser Junction, and 25 miles east of Spokane.

Conductor A. F. Miley states that the robbers cut the engine and one mail car from the train, took two shots at the fireman, missing him by a very narrow margin, ordered him off the engine and put a gun to Engineer Whitley's head, commanding him to go ahead until they told him to stop. The other robber took the place of the fireman, and as they passed Houser at 10:30 he was throwing coal into the firebox in an inexperienced manner.

This, together with the fact that there were no markers on the rear of the train, and as the engine crew disregarded signals, it was at once surmised by the operator here that it was a holdup, and he at once notified the dispatcher in Spokane to that effect.

Officials in Spokane as well as Rathdrum were at once notified, and while the mail car was being robbed between Trent and Yardley, posses were forming at either side of the robbers.

Further Lynching Feared.

Ada, Okla., April 30.—Fearing that as a result of the lynching here of four cattlemen for the murder of A. A. Bobbitt, further trouble might arise, Oscar Peeler, an alleged accessory to the crime, and Edward and David Johnson, charged with another murder, have been returned to the jail at Tecumseh for safe keeping. The grand jury today resumed its investigations. Attorney General West, in addressing the jury said: "The lynching was the most outrageous crime since the Civil war. Remember your God."

Three Schools Wrecked.

Wichita, Kan., April 30.—A tornado at Douglas and other Kansas towns tonight killed one person, injured ten and did much damage to property. The storm was the most severe at Douglas. There Lewis Ayers, 70 years old, was killed. Miss J. J. Jones was the most seriously injured. A number of houses were wrecked, including three schools. At Udall, Rock and Rose Hill, buildings were blown from their foundations. Fruit and crops suffered.

Special Rates Doomed.

Chicago, April 30.—The executive committee of the Western Passenger Agents' association recommended today that second class party and labor rates be abolished. A meeting of the officials of the Interstate Commerce commission and interested roads will be held in Minneapolis tomorrow to act on the recommendation.

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