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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.

The strike at Buenos Ayres has been ended.

Decision on French strike depends on the action of parliament.

Taft says cities are under obligations to provide playgrounds for children.

Boyle has implicated the Whittia boy's uncle in his story of the kidnaping.

Hundreds of persons are on the verge of starvation in the Zicaturo district, Mexico, following a forest fire.

Edgar Thompson, an American who became king of one of the Fiji islands, is dead. His son will succeed him.

German banks will refuse to give Abdul Hamid's funds to the Young Turks unless ordered to do so by the courts.

Graft prosecutors will try to prove Calhoun was directly connected with bribery of the San Francisco supervisors.

Collector Loeb, of the New York port, has removed five assistant weighers for alleged fraud in the weighing of imported cheese.

The international exposition of dry farm products will be held during the Dry Farming congress at Billings, Mont. Thirteen Western states and territories, two Canadian provinces, Mexico and Russia will exhibit.

China has decided to establish military training schools for officers.

Wreckage from the steamer Shores has been seen on Lake Michigan.

A boom has been started in New York to run Roosevelt for mayor.

Many vessels have been lost by a hurricane off the coast of Yucatan.

The Illinois legislature has been called on to cut appropriations \$10,000,000.

A new postage stamp commemorative of the A. Y. P. fair will be issued June 1.

A systematic smuggling of Chinese from El Paso to Chicago has been discovered.

A man has been cleared of a murder charge at Chicago by a comparison of finger prints.

The French government and employes are gathering their forces together for a gigantic struggle.

The premature explosion of a small bomb at Mazatlan, Mexico, started a fire in which 60 houses were burned.

At the Portland primary election Joseph Simon was nominated by the Republicans for mayor and M. G. Munly by the Democrats.

Speaker Cannon has just celebrated his 73d birthday.

Wheat and corn have had another advance in California.

Admiral Evans is emphatic in his ideas against disarmament.

Jerome may be the Tammany candidate for mayor of New York.

Business is at a standstill at Buenos Ayres on account of the strike. There is much rioting.

A rumor is current in New York that Gould has lost control of the Western Pacific to Mackay.

The lake steamer Shores sunk while on the way to Duluth. The passengers and crew numbered 21.

A statue of Longfellow has just been unveiled at Washington. A granddaughter of the poet pulled the silken cord.

H. E. Huntington is ransacking the globe for rare plants for his home near Los Angeles. He has had a force of 40 gardeners at work two years.

Indictments have been returned against six employes of the American Sugar Refining company for alleged frauds in connection with weighing sugar for determining duty.

Rapid progress is now being made in the Calhoun trial.

Roosevelt declares the country has a right to pick immigrants.

An industrial exposition will be held in Chicago during August.

More cold weather is being experienced through Kansas and Nebraska.

The death list in the Adana, Asiatic Turkey, massacre, is estimated at 23,000.

Ex-Senator Stuart, of Nevada, died owing \$25,000, with an estate worth only \$1,500.

The government has just sent \$50,000,000 in coin from the San Francisco mint to Denver.

Captain Franklin, United States army, is to be court martialed for stealing several hundred thousand dollars.

Commercial and civil bodies of San Francisco gave brilliant dinner to Admiral Ijichi, commander of the Japanese warships in that port.

The shah of Persia has granted a constitution.

FIND INSURANCE JOKER.

Fraternal Societies of Illinois Sound Warning Against Measure.

Chicago, May 11.—Leaders of fraternal insurance societies have discovered a joker in house bill No. 552, now ready for a third reading in the Illinois legislature, which, if passed, will develop a billion-dollar insurance combine with power to force smaller concerns and fraternal orders out of the insurance business.

The bill in question contains a clause which provides that any insurance company doing business in Illinois may issue policies with special rates of premium less than the usual rates to members of labor unions, lodges and other organizations who, through an officer, may take out insurance of not less than 100 members.

In this proviso fraternal men see possibilities of a great insurance corporation, which, by cutting rates, would utterly annihilate competition of smaller and fraternal concerns. It was only by accident that the attention of fraternal men was drawn to the joker. A strong lobby will be sent to Springfield to fight it.

POT OF GOLD SOUGHT FOR.

Excavation for Kentucky Church is Closely Watched.

Cincinnati, May 11.—The excavation for the building of St. Francis' church in Dayton, Ky., a suburb, is being watched by many who believe that a pot of gold was buried under that site after the raid by General John Hunt Morgan and his band of Confederates near the close of the Civil war.

The property belonged to the late Mathew McArthur, a noted Southern sympathizer. There was a subterranean passage leading from the house, and it is here, the passage having long since been filled up, that the treasure is supposed to be.

The money was left, it was said, by a Confederate named Caldwell, who had been North to pay the troops of General Morgan, then located in this vicinity. He stopped at the McArthur residence, and, his presence being disclosed, secreted the gold, said to amount to several thousand dollars, and escaped, intending to join General Morgan.

The latter was killed in Tennessee about the same time.

Black Hand Again Busy.

Chicago, May 11.—Another Black Hand outrage was perpetrated today when three bombs were exploded in quick succession in the home of Dominick Pecoreo. This followed closely upon the death of Mariano Zagone yesterday as the result of an alleged Black Hand shooting. No one was injured by the explosions. For three months Pecoreo, who is reputed to be wealthy, has received letters from the Black Hand threatening him with death unless he complied with the demands for money.

Mulai Threatens Spain.

Madrid, May 11.—It is reported that Mulai Hadid, the sultan of Morocco, has broken off negotiations with Senor Merry del Val, the Spanish minister to Morocco, who went to Fez recently to discuss Moroccan affairs with him. It is stated further that the sultan has written direct to King Alfonso, demanding Spanish evacuation of the Rif country, and intimating that he would consider refusal to withdraw a declaration of war.

Wu Ting Fang to Teach.

Chicago, May 11.—Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, has accepted the presidency of the Chinese school of Chicago. The school is one of a series started under the auspices of the imperial Chinese government. Courses in Chinese literature, domestic science, Chinese and international law and in the customs and habits of Chinese in their own country will be given.

Hawaiian Japs Strike.

Honolulu, May 11.—Fifteen hundred Japanese laborers employed on the Honolulu Sugar plantation went on strike for higher wages today, and it is expected the movement will spread to the other plantation where Japanese are employed. The field laborers demand they be paid \$1 a day, while those employed in the sugar mills and elsewhere want a proportionate increase.

Egyptian Cotton Success.

San Bernardino, Cal., May 11.—Government experts have turned their attention to the Yuma valley experiment farm, where 160 acres of Egyptian cotton is being planted on the Indian reservation. Professor Howard L. Preston, who arrived today, said the experiments had been remarkably successful thus far on the desert lands.

Restitution by Regent.

Pekin, May 11.—The regent, Prince Chun, who since the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai has been collecting lists of officials dismissed previous to his taking office, issued an edict today rehabilitating the reputations and rewarding the families of five officials of the late dowager empress, who were beheaded for opposing the Boxers.

Postal Employes Secured.

Paris, May 11.—Conditions were favorable for the government in its controversy with the postal employes, it was said today, and it is not likely a strike would be declared for the present. The government's firmness has made a deep impression upon the rank and file.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

HAS RECORD CLIP.

Over 3,000,000 Pounds of Wool Exported in Malheur County.

Ontario—The wool clip in Malheur county this year will be much larger than it was a year ago, or for several years, as the fleeces is in much better condition, and there are also more sheep in the county than for several years. The clip last year totaled about 2,750,000 pounds and was considered very large, but this year it will be more than 3,000,000 pounds and it will be cleaner and much thicker per sheep than it was last year.

One and one half million pounds have already been sold here, for May and June delivery, and buying continues at a rapid rate, so rapid in fact that there will be very little public selling this year, as the sales days for Ontario have been set so late. They are June 7 and 21. There has been very little bad weather this year, which is the particular reason for the fine condition of the fleeces. The sheep have come through the winter with less loss than for several years previous.

Prices this spring range from 20 to 21 cents. Last year they were about 12 to 16 1/2 cents. Very little of the wool in this vicinity is going to the Chicago warehouse. Most of it will be sent to Boston, as in former years. A number of wool growers throughout the vicinity joined the warehouse plan, but the majority continued in the old way, as the prices in this part of the country have always been good.

Much of the shearing this year will be done by machine. Some complaint of the machines have been heard, the complaint being that they shear too close for the best health of the sheep, but this does not seem to be credited by many of the growers.

The annual meeting of the Malheur and Harney Wool Growers' association will meet in Ontario on June 22. At that time all the wool growers of the two counties will be here.

WOOL CLIP GOOD.

Mitchell Growers Say Quality is Better Than Usual.

Mitchell—Woolgrowers in this locality report that the season which is just closing has been the most favorable for lambing for many years. The weather has not only been ideal but the range grass was more abundant than usual, which fact enables the ewes to start the suckling period with plenty of nourishment. All the sheepmen report that the crop of 1909 lambs will go beyond the 100 per cent mark. Shearing will start here about May 10, although those who have yearlings and mutton sheep contracted for early driving are just commencing to shear them. The wool this year is of a better quality than usual, and the prices are likewise. Farmers of this section are beginning to complain of drought and cold north winds. Fall sown grain is not doing so well as it should and the spring sown crops will need moisture to insure a good stand. A larger acreage has been sown to grain this year than in former years and all concerned regret that the weather should remain so unfavorable.

While the weather has such a backward effect on the crops, it is pleasing to know that the range is abundantly supplied with the finest crop of grass that the stockmen could desire. All classes of stock are in fine condition, and prospects point to a favorable grazing season. No cattle or horses are moving on the market at present, but G. L. Frizzell, of Girds creek, will drive 300 head from this county to Tappanish, Wash., via Arlington, about the middle of the month.

Farmers' First Annual Picnic.

Weston—The annual meeting of the Umatilla county Pioneers' association will be held in this city May 28 and 29, when it is expected that practically every old settler will be on hand to recall the "good old days" when Eastern Oregon was the home of coyotes and the land was covered with sagebrush. The first pioneer society to be organized in Eastern Oregon was founded here, and annually the meetings have been held for over 20 years. Over 25 of the early settlers of the county have passed away during the past 24 months.

Hopyards Looking Very Poor.

Portland—Hopyards of the Willamette valley are looking poorer than ever before. In some sections not more than 5 per cent of the vines have sprouted and in no instance is the showing better than 15 per cent. Generally speaking, fully 33 1/3 per cent of the hops which appeared last year are missing thus far this season and while some may appear and produce hops, it is unlikely that the average will be changed materially.

Cruising Benson Timber.

Mist—Between 20 and 30 timber cruisers are working on the large Benson timber holdings, located on the headwaters of the Clatskanie river and along Oak Ranch creek to the Nehalem river. It is rumored among timbermen that this tract will change hands by the end of the month. A prominent Michigan syndicate is said to be in the deal.

Prospect for Oil.

Albany—A company of oil men from California have leased about 300 acres of land from Mrs. R. E. Warner, near Priceboro, in the southern part of this county, and will sink a well. The machinery will be shipped from California in a few days and work will be commenced about June 1.

FARM LANDS SOLD.

Large Tract in Yamhill and Polk to Be Subdivided.

Portland—More heavy buying of Oregon farm lands has just come to light. Three deals involving the transfer of over 7,000 acres in which the total money consideration was about \$275,000 were reported.

Broadmead, better known as the Ladd & Reed farm located in Yamhill and Polk counties, was sold to a Portland syndicate, composed of J. R. Paterson, D. E. Keasy, L. R. Menefee and George Akers, for \$150,000. The Keasy-Menefee syndicate secured an option on this property some weeks ago from Martin Winch, representing the Reed estate, and from the Ladd interest which was closed up by the formal transfer of the title. At the same time the property was turned over to the Columbia Trust company and by this concern will be subdivided into five, ten and 20-acre tracts and put on the market.

Millmen Have Protest.

Oregon City—Complaint has been made at Salem by 17 lumber manufacturers of Clackamas county against the Southern Pacific company, with the object of compelling the corporation to provide adequate facilities for loading cars at Oregon City. It is stated that the complainants are unable to increase their business and market their products because of the failure of the Southern Pacific company to afford facilities for loading lumber in car loads. The lumbermen ask for an investigation by the State Railroad commission and it is probable that a time will be set for a hearing at Oregon City in the near future.

Ontario Lands Bring \$80,000.

Ontario—Eighty thousand dollars' worth of property changed hands in the vicinity of Ontario during the past week. The prices ranged from \$125 to \$200 an acre. Among the sales were 100 acres owned by A. M. Moody, which sold for \$20,000; 75 acres owned by Judge J. T. Clement, \$15,200; 150 acres owned by Dave Dunbar, \$20,000. This land was purchased by Portland parties, and the entire acreage will be planted to fruit trees. A. A. Brown also sold 2,000 acres for \$20,000.

Shaniko Wool Clean.

Shaniko—Wool generally in this territory is of a much cleaner and finer quality than last season, the past winter having been exceptionally favorable for sheep. The output from present indications, it is estimated that there will be marketed at Shaniko approximately 4,000,000 pounds during the three scheduled sales, June 1, 15 and 20. The growers' opinions vary as to the probable price to be paid.

Work on Fair Buildings Begun.

Eugene—The work of building the grandstand and pavilion for the Lane county fair, which will be held in September, is under way. The fair grounds will be a busy place during the summer, as little building has yet been done. The track, which is being used for training, is in good condition. The capacity of the grandstand will be 1,000. The pavilion will be large, well arranged and modern.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.30@1.35; club, \$1.20; Turkey red, \$1.26; valley, \$1.17; forty-fold, \$1.26; red Russian, \$1.17@1.20.

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

Barley—Feed, \$34@35 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$40 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@20; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50.

Fruits—Apples, 65c@2.50 per box; strawberries, Oregon, 12 1/2c per pound.

Potatoes—\$20 per hundred.

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

Butter—City creamery, extras, 26c; fancy outside creamery, 22 1/2@24c; store, 18c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24@25c.

Poultry—Hens, 14 1/2@15c; broilers, 28@30c; fryers, 22@25c; roosters, 10c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

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

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound.

Hops—1909 contract, 3c; 1908 crop, 8@8 1/2c; 1907 crop, 3@4c; 1906 crop, 1 1/2c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@21c; valley, fine, 22 1/2c; medium, 21 1/2c; coarse, 20 1/2c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Steers, top, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$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, \$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, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$5.

ACCIDENT IN SEATTLE.

Rail of Balcony Snaps, Throwing 300 People to Floor.

Seattle, Wash., May 7.—In full view of the throng witnessing the great indoor meet of the Seattle Athletic club at the new armory last night, the balcony rail gave way and precipitated fully 300 persons to the floor beneath. At least 50 are seriously injured, and some may die.

Instantly the throng became panic-stricken with horror at the sight, but soon collected itself and began the work of assisting those who lay crushed and bleeding on the floor. Ambulances and physicians were quickly summoned, and those who could be moved were sent to hospitals.

The accident occurred at the close of the Marathon race, with the contestants neck and neck at the finish line, which was directly beneath the balcony. It was to see the finish of this event that the crowd leaned over the balcony when the rail broke, precipitating 300 people to the cement floor 15 feet below.

The accident was due to the collapse of the iron railing at the end of the balcony. The hollow iron railing was on the outside instead of the inside of the iron rods that support the balcony. When the railing gave way more than 300 of the spectators on that side of the building plunged head foremost to the floor below.

So far were the people leaning over the balcony that when the railing gave way practically every one in the balcony in that vicinity was swept overboard.

Both city police patrols and every available ambulance in the city, together with scores of private automobiles and scores of physicians hurried to the scene. A squad of police clubbed their way into the crowd and made way for the people to assist the injured to the waiting ambulances and automobiles, which hurried them to the hospitals.

CLEMENCEAU DEFIED.

French Civil Servants Organize Union and Trouble May Follow.

Paris, May 7.—The famous P. T. T.—that is, the Posts, Telegraphs & Telephone Employees association—threw down the gauntlet of battle to the government today by transforming itself into a syndicate or union under the law of 1884. This places the association on the same footing with workmen's unions with the right to strike.

This defiance, which is nothing short of open revolt, came as a sudden and sensational sequel to Premier Clemenceau's failure today to receive a deputation of postal employes, who called to demand the redemption of promises they say the government made when the recent strike was declared off.

The government, which claims to be prepared for any eventuality, it is conceded must now act vigorously or abdicate. The leaders of the movement have no option but to declare a strike the minute the government makes a hostile turn. The entire country is tremendously excited by the violent agitation to which it has been subjected for months, and fears are entertained that a whirlwind may be unleashed.

There are even intimations that the monarchist and other reactionaries are furnishing funds to stir up a revolution in the hope of imposing a new regime.

BROKEN LEVEE COSTLY.

Over 14,000 Acres Are Flooded by Rise in San Joaquin River.

Stockton, Cal., May 7.—Reports from the islands tonight say it will be impossible to save reclamation district No. 17, on which a break in the levee occurred this morning.

The water is pouring from the San Joaquin river through a crevasse almost 100 feet wide opposite Lathrop. Owners of property are rushing a dredger and steamer to the scene, but at the rate the water is running into the large tract the indications are all of the 14,000 acres will be inundated.

The land is very rich and was expected to produce fully 35 sacks of barley to the acre. The loss this year will be near \$250,000.

Thousands Face Starvation.

Hadjin, Asiatic Turkey, May 7.—Notwithstanding the presence of troops here, the situation is desperate because of the lack of food and medical supplies. The troops arrived just in time as the besiegers had succeeded in setting fire to a house on the edge of the city. The fire spread, but as the breeze was blowing away from town, only five buildings were destroyed. A heavy rifle fire was kept up against those who tried to extinguish the flames. The Mohammedans carried off all the cattle outside the city.

Oil Supply Investigated.

Bakersfield, Cal., May 7.—Two Japanese naval officers and an officer of a leading Japanese steamship company are here looking into the oil production of this county. It is supposed their inquiry is relative to the adoption of California oil for fuel by the Japanese navy. The Japanese are Commander Yiechi Tomiyasu and Naval Expert Sanmatsu Kanaya, of the Japanese navy, and Yoshie Nakaya, of Nutsio & Company, the Japanese steamship firm.

Abdul's Hoards Are Found.

Constantinople, May 7.—The commission which is taking an inventory of the property at the imperial palace at Yildiz has, it is stated, discovered bank notes to the value of \$2,250,000 and a large quantity of jewelry. Papers seized at the palace show that Abdul Hamid had over \$5,000,000 on deposit at a foreign bank.

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