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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.

Canada is seriously considering the advisability of building a navy.

A general strike is on at Barcelona, Spain, against the war in Morocco.

Hawaiian sugar planters propose to import Russian laborers to displace the Japs.

The battleship Michigan, the speediest of her class, will go into commission in August.

The chances seem good that Thaw will be declared sane and released from the asylum.

European pressure may yet cause China to refuse Americans a share in the railway loan.

The assistant cashier of a Tipton, Ind., bank, robbed it of \$60,000 and left for parts unknown.

Hubert Latham damaged his airship during a trial flight before attempting to cross the English channel.

The British cabinet has announced that four more battleships of the Dreadnaught type will be built.

The ex shah of Persia has been offered an annual pension of \$25,000 on condition that he leave the country.

Japan has adopted a vigorous policy against Korean insurgents.

The death roll of the recent Gulf storm has been increased to 41.

A train struck an automobile at Menominee, Mich., killing an entire family of three.

One man saved his life in the recent Gaviston storm by using his cork legs to keep him afloat.

Spain is on the verge of a revolution because of English and clerical influence over the king.

A Seattle woman has secured a divorce because her husband has been too tired to work for 12 years.

Lightning struck a residence at American Forks, Utah, four times. One woman was killed and four other persons hurt.

During a balloon race at Newton, Ill., two of the big gas bags collided, 2,000 feet in the air. One man's leg was badly crushed.

Raphael Manco, who served in the Crimean war, later served with "Chinese" General Gordon and then served in the Civil war, is dead. He had lived at Los Angeles for the past 25 years.

Premier Briand has formed a new French cabinet.

Roosevelt is being proposed for mayor of New York.

A big forest fire is raging in the mountains near San Bernardino, Cal.

A cloudburst in Colorado killed two persons and did much damage to property.

Premier Asquith says Britain should be warned against tariff by American and German experiences.

In an automobile race at Grand Rapids, Mich., 50 miles was made in 51 minutes and 22 seconds.

The serious condition of King Peter of Servia is arousing anxiety. His death would cause no surprise.

A Vancouver, B. C., police magistrate fined himself \$5 and costs for exceeding the speed limit with his automobile.

A Los Angeles judge in denying a divorce in which the plaintiff's mother was involved said no house was big enough for a married couple and a mother-in-law.

The final count of dead in the Texas storm shows a loss of 25 lives. Communication has been established with all points and the property damage will be over \$1,000,000.

Bolivia and Peru have agreed to arbitrate the boundary dispute instead of fighting.

The Six Companies have forbid making San Francisco's Chinatown a show place for tourists.

The Italian press is greatly excited by reports that Italians in the Southern states are practically slaves.

Spanish troops have protested against going to Morocco. There have also been several riots among the people.

The Chicago health commission has decided that pasteurization of milk is ineffective and useless, if not dangerous.

A Utah man has just committed suicide at the age of 80.

The steamer Verdi has sailed from New York for Buenos Ayres with \$8,000,000 in gold, the heaviest single shipment ever made to a South American port.

Employees of the tanneries at Kenosha, Wis., have gone on strike for higher wages. Trouble is feared and state troops have been called out. Three men have been wounded.

ROADBED CRUMBLES.

Train Goes Into River and Six People Killed and 30 Hurt.

Kansas City, July 27.—Six lives were lost and 36 persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, in the wreck of Wabash passenger train No. 4, when it plunged into the Missouri river 30 miles east of here.

The train left Kansas City at 9 o'clock Saturday night, and was due in St. Louis ten hours later. Of the eight cars that made up the train, five and the engine are now in the river with the water covering all of them except one end of the Des Moines sleeper.

A deadhead Pullman, a mailcar, a baggage car, a day coach and a sleeper followed the engine into the stream. The chair car and two Pullmans remained on the track.

For days flooded waters have been undermining the roadbed, which parallels the river. Three hours before the wreck a freight train of 45 loaded cars passed the point safely. Three hours later No. 4 started across the same bit of track and 50 feet of the roadbed suddenly collapsed.

The train was running 14 miles an hour, and the forward cars telescoped, allowing the rear cars to stop so gradually their occupants were hardly shaken.

MARK TWAIN AS PILOT.

Former Steamboat Man Will Conquer President Down Mississippi.

St. Louis, Mo., July 27.—When President Taft takes his trip down the Mississippi river from St. Louis to New Orleans, Mark Twain, the humorist, will act as pilot on the boat carrying the country's chief executive.

The president's river itinerary has been completed and includes stops at Cape Girardeau, Caruthersville, in the Missouri; Cairo, Ill., Memphis, Tenn., and Vicksburg, Miss.

When a president of the United States takes a river trip, Mr. Clemens always has been invited by the committee in charge to pilot the boat. The usual invitation was extended to Mr. Clemens on this occasion, and his friends, who say he has a high personal regard for Mr. Taft, declare he will agree to pilot Mr. Taft safely down river.

MOORS GATHER IN FORCE.

Madrid, July 27.—Official dispatches concerning the bombardment yesterday around Melilla state that this measure was taken to prevent the enemy from massing. The gunboat Martin Alonzo Pinzon assisted in the bombardment, after which she chased, but did not catch, two steamers suspected of carrying contraband arms. The bombardment was resumed today. The Moors are gathering in great force in the Rif region. It is estimated that they now number 20,000, and are preparing for a concentrated attack.

Bleriot Awakens English.

London, July 27.—The London morning newspapers publish editorials on Bleriot's feat. A new point brought out in its striking appeal to the imagination of Englishmen that Great Britain's insular strength is no longer unchallenged, that the aeroplane is not a toy, but a possible instrument of warfare which must be taken into account by soldiers and statesmen and that it was the one thing needed to wake up the English people to the importance of the science of aviation.

Trolley Wreck Is Fatal.

Los Angeles, July 27.—One person was killed and several were injured, some of them seriously, tonight, when a heavy trolley car on the Monrovia-Los Angeles division of the Pacific Electric line crashed into the rear end of a car on the Pasadena Short Line, on a curve near East Lake park. The Short Line car was partially telescoped. The two cars were running not more than 300 yards apart, according to the statements of passengers.

Big Four Crash Hurts 42.

Indianapolis, July 27.—Forty-two persons were injured today in the wreck of a southbound Big Four passenger train at Zionsville, Ind., and all but 76 passengers who were brought to hospitals in this city were able to continue to their destinations. The baggage car and the coaches behind it left the track while the train was running 50 miles an hour.

Nebraska Pays Notes.

Omaha, Neb., July 27.—It is evident that the people of Nebraska did not mind the recent panic, for during the year 1908 there were 17,990 farm mortgages paid off and cancelled, representing a value of \$126,377,791, and 16,658 new farm mortgages were recorded, representing a value of \$36,432,657, leaving a tidy balance of about \$90,000 to the credit of the property.

Speed Test Sets Record.

Philadelphia, July 27.—The battleship Michigan, which returned today from her trial trip, is reported to have broken all speed records for a vessel of the battleship type. The Michigan is said to have made a fraction over 19 knots an hour. Her speed requirement was 17½ knots.

Three Lives Lost in Gulf.

Pensacola, Fla., July 27.—With her rigging damaged and her sails torn almost to shreds, the fishing schooner Minnie W. arrived today and reported the loss of three of her crew in the Gulf hurricane of last Wednesday, and the narrow escape of two others.

Blucher's Orderly Dies.

Quincy, Ill., July 27.—John Leonard Roeder, who died Saturday at the age of 108 years, was buried today. During the battle of Waterloo Roeder acted as orderly to General Blucher.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PRUNES SOLD GREEN.

Salem Growers to Ship 30 Cars to Eastern Market.

Salem—A new era in the history of the Willamette valley is being inaugurated, when the independent pool, representing about 100,000 pounds of fruit, practically accept a proposition from Fruit company, of San Francisco, to ship 30 car loads of green prunes at once. The price is 40 cents per crate of 24 prunes to be accepted and this rate before leaving Salem growers are told they will get over and above this figure. Will hold 12 tons.

The Eastern Washington crop has been sold green years. Last year the output section was 1,600 tons, there is a light crop, amounting to 350 tons, and the dealers are seeking to make up the deficiency by buying Oregon's Italian prunes, which are admitted to be better than either the California or Washington products. Last year the growers of Washington and Idaho realized 30 cents per crate of 24 prunes, or about 80 cents per bushel, for their green prunes, which the Salem growers consider more profitable than selling the dried fruit.

Leading growers state that 30 cars can be picked from the orchards of the members of the pool at this time and not decrease the output of dried fruit to any extent, as the prunes that remain will attain a much larger growth than if none were removed.

POWELL INVITED TO SALEM.

Fruitgrowers Want Demonstration on Pre-Cooling of Fruits.

Salem—S. G. H. Powell, of the United States department of agriculture, will be the guest of the Salem board of trade and the Salem Fruit union, and will be taken out through the fruit country in an automobile. The department has been engaged this year in pre-cooling and shipping demonstrations at Fossilup and other Western points, and an effort will be made to have Mr. Powell sent to Salem next year to take up this line of work. Just at this time, when the shipment of small fruits to the Eastern markets is being undertaken, it is believed the aid and experience of the government experts would be of great value to the fruit industry in the Willamette valley.

Activity in Gold Mines.

Grants Pass—There will be much activity among Southern Oregon mines this fall. Many mining men looking over the field in order to obtain good options on some of the best paying property. In conjunction with this movement of the part of buyers, some of the owners are introducing the diamond drill. One of these machines arrived this week to be used upon the property of the National Copper company, located 17 miles from this city. It is understood that the Buckeye group of mining claims will also have a machine of the same kind here within a few days to make tests on their properties which are in the same neighborhood.

Deschutes Canal Breaks.

Rend—A break has occurred in the big canal of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company, and before the headgate could be closed, 200 feet of fluming was carried away. The damage to the irrigation company will amount to \$3,000. A force of men was put to work at once to repair the break, but it is feared water will be shut off for at least ten days, and as the farmers are much in need of water these warm days the loss will be extensive.

Regular Mail Service Now.

Prineville—After three years' constant effort by patrons of the discontinued Crook postoffice, which was located in the Rear Creek country, 55 miles south of Prineville, regular mail supply was begun Monday, July 19. A series of four postoffices have been established by the postoffice department for the accommodation of the residents of the district affected, some 400 in number.

Harvesting Starts at Weston.

Weston—The wheat harvest has just begun in this vicinity. Many machines are now at work, and the wheat will soon be in the sack, as ideal harvest weather prevails. Fall wheat is yielding about 40 bushels per acre, and the few samples brought in test 60 pounds to the bushel. Smut is unusually prevalent, because of the damp, cloudy weather early in the year.

Cool Bay Wants Artillery Company.

Marshfield—The members of the Young Men's Commercial club are becoming active in pushing the organization of an artillery company here. A committee headed by Dr. E. M. Mings will confer with the National Guard officers. Many young men have already signified their willingness to become members.

Brief Shortest Filed.

Salem—L. H. McMahan, attorney for J. K. Sears, plaintiff in the action to prevent the use of \$10,000 state placed on the Crater lake highway, has filed his brief in the Supreme court. The brief is one of the shortest ever placed on record in the Appellate court of Oregon.

SECURES LAKE TRADE.

Klamath Merchants Boost for Good Roads Over Mountains.

Improvement of the roads to this isolated section, so that the vast territory in the remote parts of both Klamath and Lake counties will be enabled to get their supplies from Klamath Falls. This city is so situated that the arrival of the railroad has made it the natural distributing center for all Southern Oregon. The only drawback is the road question. Klamath county is now prepared to build good roads at a reasonable cost, but the county is too large to construct highways in every section in a short time. The opening up of the Lake county traffic to Klamath Falls also makes an opening for Portland wholesalers, who will have to hustle in order to meet the competition of Sacramento and San Francisco.

Big Tract Subdivided. Grants Pass—Subdividing of large tracts of orchard and farming land still continues in this part of Rogue river valley. Along the Applegate river, near Murphy postoffice, 500 acres of land, with 200 acres under irrigation, and sufficient water rights and ditches to irrigate 150 more, besides abundance of water in the river that may be appropriated for the remainder of the premises will be subdivided into ten-acre lots and planted into fruit. There will be an earnest effort on the part of the owners to sell only to men with families, who desire to have homes in a pleasant climate, and to be close to the railroad in order to market fruit.

Normal Property Leased.

Salem—At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of normal school regents the action of Secretary C. L. Starr in disposing of certain property of the schools, was confirmed. Part of the buildings at Monmouth were leased to the school district and all of the property at Drain was leased to district No. 22, Douglas county. At Ashland and Weston caretakers were employed to look after the buildings and part of the equipment sold.

State Veterinarians Named.

Salem—Governor Benson has appointed the following members of the Oregon state veterinary medical board to serve for four years: Dr. Alexander Reid, Morrow county, reappointed; Dr. F. T. Motz, Baker county, to succeed Dr. D. C. McNab, Umatilla county.

Tribe Men Put Up Desperate Fight Against Trained Soldiers.

Malaga, Spain, July 26.—The steamer Menorquin, with 80 wounded aboard, arrived here today from Melilla, where the hospitals are overcrowded. The residents of the steamer declare that the sufferers of Melilla are panic-stricken, the successes of the Moors giving rise to the belief that they will swoop down on the city itself. Friday's battle was sanguinary, there being much hand-to-hand fighting.

The Moorish tribes now gathered close to General Marina's camp are estimated at 16,000. Their recent losses are said to have been nearly 1,000. The Spanish forces lost not less than 3,000 men.

When the battle became general, the Spaniards endeavored to trap the Moors between two lines of fire. The tribesmen, however, were too wary and fought desperately. They retreated only when they were literally buried back at the points of Spanish bayonet. At dusk there was a lull in the fighting.

Victory for Americans. Pekin, July 21.—On account of the failure of the negotiations at the recent meeting of bankers in London and Paris, an attempt is being made at Pekin to close quickly the Hankow railway loan by increasing the amount so as to give Americans equal participation and not reduce the original allotments to the other three powers—Great Britain, France and Germany. This arrangement was agreed to by the Chinese foreign board Saturday and the four days' negotiations ended with the consultations of foreign bankers.

Export Argentina Wheat. Buenos Ayres, July 21.—During the first five months of this year the exportations of wheat amounted to 77,700,000 bushels. A decree has been published modifying the law prohibiting the importation of cattle from certain countries, so that those countries may send cattle to the exposition of 1910. The government has also sent instructions to our minister in Washington to agree with the bureau of American republics on a program.

Lightning Hits Scientist. Christiana, Nor., July 26.—Captain Engledad, of the Norwegian navy, was killed by lightning today. He was taking meteorological observations during a thunder storm. Captain Engledad was to have commanded the polar expedition ship Fram on the coming Amundsen polar expedition.

EQUIPMENT GOES IN.

Rush Orders Given for Railroad Construction on Deschutes.

The Dalles, July 26.—All yesterday four-horse teams, hauling wagons piled high with railway camp equipment, have trekked out of The Dalles, bound for the Deschutes river. Beginning at 7 o'clock in the morning it was not until 5 in the afternoon that the last of the 40 wagons shinned here by Porter

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the cause of the rushing of men into the Deschutes country.

Either alternative raises conjecture as to whether Porter Bros. are playing a hold-up game on Harriman or are backed by James J. Hill or actually intend to build a railroad themselves.

BLERIOT CROSSES CHANNEL.

French Aeronaut Makes the 22 Miles in 23 Minutes.

Dover, July 26.—Louis Bleriot, the French aviator, accomplished the remarkable feat of flying across the English channel Saturday in 23 minutes. The distance from his starting point, near Calais, to Dover, is about 22 miles, and he therefore traveled at the rate of nearly a mile a minute. The aviator left the French shore at 4:30 and within a few minutes sighted the white cliffs of the English coast. He descended gracefully in the North Fall meadow, behind Dover Castle, at 4:53 a. m.

M. Bleriot looked little the worse for his hazardous trip, although his foot was burned by petrol. This gave him some trouble, and he had to be assisted to an automobile which was waiting. He drove to the Lord Warden hospital, where he was greeted enthusiastically.

A French torpedo boat destroyer followed the aeroplane, but so swift was the speed of the machine that the destroyer was soon left far behind. Although the start was made in calm weather, the wind soon rose and a strong breeze was blowing at the time of the descent, making the performance all the more noteworthy.

The French torpedo boat destroyer arrived at Dover at 6:50 with Bleriot's wife and a party of friends on board.

By his achievement Bleriot wins the special prize of \$5,000 offered by the London Daily Mail.

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