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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.

Ex-Vice President Fairbanks is in Manila.

New York is seeking a good, live candidate for mayor.

A trial trip will be made of the battleship Delaware October 20.

The trial of Patrick Calhoun has been continued until September 27.

The Wabash Railway company has succeeded in gaining entrance into Pittsburgh.

Forester Pinchot says he has no quarrel with Ballinger and that he will not resign.

The Spanish troops have gained another victory over the Moors, driving them back with heavy losses.

One of the leading educators of the University of Chicago, has accepted a position with the Chinese Imperial university, Peking.

The volcano Kilauea, Hawaiian islands, is exceedingly active. The lava is rising fast and is only 100 feet from the rim of the crater.

Ecuador will no doubt furnish a good market for machinery during the coming year, as new factories and railroads are being constructed and contracts for new public improvements are being let.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, has suffered a relapse and lies at death's door.

The national convention of bankers has declared against postal savings banks.

The high court of St. Petersburg is passing out wholesale sentences on the mere word of spies.

Y. Uchida, now Japanese ambassador to Austria, will be transferred to the United States.

Western Canada's trades unions are making a fight against using Oriental labor on the railroads.

In a speech at Winona, Minn., President Taft declared the present tariff law the best the country ever had.

The steamer Nicholas, en route from Havana to Cienfuegos, went ashore on the Isle of Pines and 29 lives were lost.

The Great Northern and St. Paul promise a 56-hour schedule for Chicago to Seattle in the fight for mail contracts.

Dr. Cook says he has records which will prove he was at the Pole and will convince the skeptics as soon as he reaches the United States.

The Interstate Commerce commission will investigate the reasons for the Santa Fe withdrawing its offer to put on a fast mail train to the Pacific coast.

A temperature wave is sweeping over Germany.

London's new non-tip hotel is making a great hit.

The forest fires in Southern California continue to grow.

Governor Johnson's physicians announce that he will recover.

Mexicans attacked and stoned the Austrian consulate at Monterey.

The damage to the Portland Flouring mills plant is placed at \$300,000.

Peary says he will be glad to refer the Pole controversy to an arbitration court.

A new pretender to the Persian throne has appeared and troops have been sent to suppress him.

The Russian cabinet has decided that the czar is supreme in all matters relating to the army and navy.

Walter E. Clark, the new governor of Alaska, says there must be peace between the rival political parties.

Two Los Angeles men, both over 80, fought over a woman who is 75. One of the combatants is in the hospital.

Robbers attempted to hold up a Rio Grande train in Colorado, but did not succeed in getting into the express car.

The widow of Claus Spreckles has been awarded \$3,000,000 of her husband's estate.

It now seems as though the Chicago street car men will win their fight with the company.

William R. Wallace has been chosen for the Democratic candidate for mayor of Salt Lake.

James J. Hill says too many people are going to the cities instead of staying on the farm.

Thousands of acres of pasture and wood land has been burned over in Sonoma county, Cal., by forest fires.

Peary reiterates that he is the only white man who ever saw the Pole and promises to disprove Cook's claim.

David E. Thompson, United States ambassador to Mexico, has secured control of the Pan-American railroad, a line 244 miles long.

British authorities say sea fatalities are decreasing.

## CANADA'S GREAT CROP.

Yield Estimated at 168,386,000 Bushels of Wheat.

Ottawa, Sept. 21.—An official statement of the grain harvest of Canada has just been issued by the government. It gives estimates of production, computed from reports of a large staff of correspondents, and although totals are somewhat less than those of a month ago for wheat and barley, they still show that Canada has reaped an immense harvest.

The wheat crop is put down at 168,386,000 bushels, giving an average of 22 bushels an acre, and barley at 57,900,000 bushels, or 31 bushels an acre. The yield of oats is 355,000,000, or 38 bushels an acre.

One thing is assured, that the Canadians have reaped the biggest and most profitable grain crop the country ever has produced, and with present prices they will have an enormous sum added to their spending powers. It is estimated that a surplus of \$100,000,000 will go into the pockets of the farmers.

## TRANSFER IS URGED.

Forestry Service May Be Put Under Interior Department.

Washington, September 21.—As a result of the Pinchot-Ballinger row, the administration may later determine to recommend the transfer of the forest service from the department of agriculture to the department of the interior. Such a change can only be made by act of congress, and it probably would call for considerable pressure from the president in order to get the necessary authority, especially if Gifford Pinchot is permitted to remain as chief forester.

The forest service, in the opinion of most Western men in congress, is misplaced in the department of agriculture. It has nothing in common with the other bureaus of that department, but has much in common with the general land office and geological survey, both of which are bureaus of the department of the interior. In the present situation, the forest service is, or until recently was, in effect an independent bureau, subject to only nominal supervision by a cabinet officer. That is why the forest service was allowed to grow up in the agricultural department, and that is why Mr. Pinchot has always opposed transfer to the interior department.

## Graft in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—Despite the secrecy of the Russian war office, a scandal which promises to involve prominent officials in the army has leaked out. A general in command of the provinces had for years been drawing pay for the officers and the men of a six gun field battery which exists only on paper. To keep the fraud from being discovered, the general showed the same battery twice to the inspecting officers who visited his barracks occasionally. He would show one battery, then another, and while the inspecting officers were viewing the second, the first battery would be rushed to another garrison, where the troops were re-inspected.

## MOON DISPROVES PEARY.

Italian Astronomer Points Out Discrepancy in Story.

ROME, Sept. 21.—According to the well-known astronomer, Signor Francesco Facia da Schio, of Bergamo, the moon absolutely disproves Commander Peary's claim to having discovered the North Pole.

In his dispatch to the New York Times the explorer states that April 6, having accomplished the six stages he had planned, he was favored with an opening in the clouds which permitted him to take astronomical observations. From these he established his position as latitude 90° 57'.

Signor Facia points out, however, that unquestionably accurate astronomical calculations show that with the horizon at 80° 57' the moon could not be seen at the time indicated by Commander Peary, because from midday, April 5, Paris time, or 6 o'clock, central standard time, the declination of the moon became negative, that is to say, the moon was below the equator, which is the natural horizon of the pole.

## Ryan Succeeds Rogers.

Milwaukee, Sept. 21.—John D. Ryan, of New York, was elected a director of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company today, to succeed Henry H. Rogers, deceased. Donald Giddens succeeds his father on the directorate. Rosewell Miller, William Rockefeller and John A. Stewart were re-elected. David L. Bush was appointed general manager, and H. B. Farling, ex-general superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Sound branch, became general superintendent of the whole system.

## Frenchman is Kidnaped.

Shanghai, Sept. 21.—News reached Saigon from Tonkin recently that a prominent French resident at Hanoi had been kidnaped by brigands belonging to the bands of De Tham, a famous outlaw. The robbers sent a message to the authorities that they would strike off their captive's head at the first shot fired at them. The government retorted by holding several leading brigand prisoners as security for his life.

## Paulhan Files for \$5,000.

Ostend, Sept. 21.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, flying in a Voisin biplane here today, won a prize of \$5,000. He covered a distance of 453 miles in one hour, at an altitude ranging from 540 to 300 feet. He made his way up and down the coast line, part of the time over the North Sea. In alighting the aviator fell into the water. He was promptly rescued by spectators and received no injuries.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### OPENING AT LAKEVIEW.

Every Participant Sure of Securing Land or Lot.

Lakeview.—The distribution of the lands of the Oregon Valley Land company, owners of the old Oregon military road grant, and the Heryford Cattle company's lands, not only is the largest private land opening in history, but it differs in many ways from land allotments made by the United States government. In the Lakeview opening every participant gets a tract of land and a town lot. There are no blanks.

Three hundred thousand acres of land are being distributed practically without expense to the public. The lands were cut into 11,992 tracts, varying in size from 10 acres to 1,000 acres, and that number of contracts were sold for \$200 each, every contract being good for a tract of land and a Lakeview lot. The purchasers live in every state in the Union, but the bulk of the contracts were sold in the Middle West. About 3,000 contracts were sold in Nebraska, 2,000 in Kansas, and smaller allotments in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Oklahoma and other states. Nearly 1,000 contracts were bought by Oregon and California people.

### FOREST FUND IS \$33,120.47.

Oregon School Fund is Increased by Reserve Receipts.

Salem.—Congressman Hawley has received a letter from the acting secretary of the interior to the effect that under the terms of the agricultural appropriation act, for 1909, approved May 23, 1908, \$33,120.47, realized from forest reserves in this state during the year ending June 30, 1909, will be turned over to the state to be placed in the common school fund of the state.

The law provides that 25 per cent of the money received from each forest reserve shall be paid at the end of the year to the state treasurer wherein the reserves are located, to be expended as the legislature may direct for the public schools and public roads of the county or counties in which the forest reserve is located.

The total amount realized from the forest reserves of Oregon during the year ending June 30 was 132,481.88. Mr. Hawley was instrumental in securing the enactment of the clause under which the public schools receive forest reserve revenues.

### Filling Farmers' Warehouses.

La Grande.—Over 15,000 bushels of grain are already stored in the farmers' union warehouse at Island City, although the roof on the building is not yet completed. The union is yet in its infancy in Union county, but the farmers are working together splendidly, and it is thought that before the storing season is over 30,000 bushels of wheat will be in this warehouse. The wheat is pooled and held in the warehouse for sale, and when the buyers purchase the grain it will be conveniently near the main line of the railroad for shipment.

### Alfalfa Brings High Prices.

Freewater.—The alfalfa crop in the Hudson Bay country is almost entirely in stack. This section received its name from the fact that the Hudson Bay company in the early days of Oregon wintered their stock in this valley. The climate is milder than that of the surrounding country. Large bands for Spokane and Seattle markets are wintered here. The crop will be about 20,000 tons and ranchers are getting \$9 and \$10 a ton at the stack.

### Coos Port Plans Dredge.

Marshfield.—The commissioners of the Port of Coos Bay have ordered plans and specifications for a suction dredge a little larger than the dredge used on the Coos bay harbor, and also for a bucket dredge for the rivers. It is estimated that the cost will be about \$90,000. Colonel J. B. Lockwood, former engineer for the Port of Portland, advised the commission regarding the harbor work it contemplated.

### Prune Crop Good.

Albany.—Prune drying has begun in this vicinity, and the drier men report a good yield, with the fruit in excellent condition. The prune packing establishment is making active preparation to begin packing fruit. They expect to start the packer about the first of October under the management of La Salle Bros. It is expected that the factory will handle upwards of 100 cars of fruit this season.

### Valuable Timber Land Sold.

Ashland.—Eighteen thousand acres of timber land, known as the Coggins tract, lying half in Oregon and half in California, has been sold to the Northern California Lumber company. It is estimated that there are 450,000,000 feet of standing timber on the land, of which 70 per cent is sugar and white pine.

### Drill for Oil Near Nehalem.

Nehalem.—The Hydrocarbon Oil company is building a large drilling camp near here, a large load of heavy machinery having already been received. Actual drilling will commence very soon.

### Seven Pound Potato.

Pondleton.—George Dodge, gardener for the J. E. Smith Livestock company, has a potato that weighs 7 1/2 pounds. The seed was planted in March.

### BIG FRUIT TRACT BOUGHT.

Eastern Capitalists Purchase 1,260 Acres in Rogue Valley.

Grants Pass.—One of the largest deals to take place in Rogue river fruit lands occurred a few days ago, when a representative of Eastern capitalists purchased the S. H. Biggs property, consisting of 1,260 acres. This is one of the finest bodies of land in the county, and is supplied with 2900 inches or more of water from the Applegate river. Its former owners found much profit in raising three crops of alfalfa each year, and selling it at from \$15 to \$20 a ton, but it has now become so profitable to raise fruit that three lay crops do not produce sufficient revenue to satisfy the fruit-raiser. The buyer and his associates will take possession of the premises on the first day of January, and they will at that time put on a large force of men to lay out the tract in an ideal manner, with convenient avenues running in every direction, in order to make it the largest tract of land devoted to fruit alone in Rogue river valley. The entire premises will be planted as rapidly as possible in peaches, pears and commercial apples. This place formerly belonged to Consul H. B. Miller, but last year it was sold to S. H. Biggs, who kept it nine months, raised several hundred tons of alfalfa hay, and sold out at a price up into six figures.

### Irrigation Near Vale.

Vale.—D. M. Brogan, the Seattle capitalist, who is constructing a large irrigation project on Willow creek about 24 miles from Vale, is meeting with great success and encouragement in the reclamation of 30,000 acres of land just north of the project recently rejected by the government because of lack of funds. Several ranches have been purchased from settlers and three reservoirs will be constructed, the water to be taken from Willow creek and its tributaries. A railroad is being built from Vale to Brogan, the townsite of the project.

### Forest Ranger Examination.

Bend.—The examination for the position of forest ranger in the Deschutes national forest will be held at Prineville October 16 and 17. At these examinations applicants are put through a severe test of their abilities in the various branches of forest work, from cruising to road and bridge making. One of the most important features of the work of foresters in this region is the supervision of cattle and sheep ranging in the reserve, where the herds and bands are pastured in the summer months.

### Pheasants Sent to Idaho.

Corvallis.—The largest consignment of Chinese pheasants ever shipped out of the state left Corvallis a few days ago for Boise. The state of Idaho is the buyer. The game birds were raised and sold by Gene M. Simpson, whose Corvallis pheasant farm is the second largest in the United States. The birds, 1,000 in number, filled the special car that was brought for the purpose by B. T. Livingston, deputy game warden for the state of Idaho.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96c; club, 87c; red Russian, 85c; valley, 90c; fife, 87c; Turkey red, 87c; 40-fold, 89c.

Barley—Feed, \$25.50@26; brewing, \$26.50@27 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@27.25 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50@18.50; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$15@16.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 33@36c; store, 21@22c per pound. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 32 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 16@17c per pound; springs, 16@17c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14@15c; geese, young, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, 1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 9 1/2@10c per pound. Veal—Extra, 10@10 1/2c per pound.

Fruit—Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, 50c@1.25; peaches, 75c@1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, 50c@1.25; plums, 25@50c per box; watermelons, 1c per pound; grapes, 40c@1.25 per crate; Concord, 25c per basket; casaba, \$1.50@2 per crate; quinces, \$1.50 per box.

Potatoes—75c@1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

Onions—\$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c; cauliflower, 75c@1.25 per dozen; celery, 50@75c; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, 12 1/2@15c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 4@5c; pumpkins, 1/2@1c; squash, 5c; tomatoes, 50c per box.

Hops—1909 Fuggles, 20@21c per pound; clusters, nominal; 1908 crop, 17c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, choice, 23@25c.

### TAFT SMILE WINS.

President Beams His Way Into Favor With Chicagoans.

Chicago, Sept. 17.—President Taft smiled his way into the hearts of 500,000 Chicagoans yesterday. Geniality and "Bill" Taft—for that's what the multitudes called him—ruled the city for 15 hours. From the moment he arrived until he entered his private car to leave, through all the automobiling and speechifying and handshaking and excitement, there was one thing which shone as brightly as the sun of a perfect day. It was the famous smile. That smile was commented upon everywhere. It was cheered and it made those who saw it feel more pleased with the world and with themselves. Good humor, jollity, happiness—these followed Mr. Taft like attendant guardians wherever he went.

And in response to that smile Mr. Taft got the smiles and laughter of the throngs, as well as their shouts and applause. All the way through the 16 miles of streets which he traveled during the day in a motor, at the West Side ball park, at the Orchestra Hall meeting, at the bankers' ball, Mr. Taft saw thousands upon thousands of faces which smiled at him and which cheered him.

"It's grand," said the chief executive before he had been in the city five minutes. "I'm really vastly glad to be here."

As his automobile swept down Michigan avenue in the midst of 150,000 school children, he turned to his aide-de-camp, Captain Archibald W. Butt, U. S. A., and his voice was just an atom husky.

"This is wonderful, Butt," he said. "The cheering of the children is most pleasant to me, and yet affecting, for we know that the cheering of the children is sincere." At the great bankers' ball there were silks and white shoulders and jewels; there was rhythm of waltz music and glow of pendant lights; there was dancing by blushing debutantes and epigrammatic foreign consuls; there was promenade by prominent bankers and dowagers and beauties and politicians. And the chief individual figure of the scene was the big man in evening dress who smiled and smiled.

Unqualifiedly President Taft is in favor of union labor. This was the subject of his main speech today, and in plain terms he upheld organization, but demanded that the rights of non-union labor be protected. Next to this in national importance was his denouncing the present court system. He deplored delays in the administration of justice and announced an intention to urge congress to make a change.

### MONEY FOR WIDOW.

Mrs. Harriman is Made Only Beneficiary in Will.

New York, Sept. 17.—A hundred brief wills, weighted each with approximately \$1,000,000 and containing in their entirety the last testament of E. H. Harriman, given out yesterday, make his widow, Mary Averill Harriman, one of the wealthiest women in the world.

It perhaps is the briefest will on record for the disposal of an estate of such magnitude. All his property is left to Mrs. Harriman. Wall street estimates that Mrs. Harriman will inherit in realty and personal property between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000. Mr. Harriman's private fortune is supposed to have been greater than this by many millions, but there is reason to believe that his unmarried daughters, Mary and Carol; his married daughter, Mrs. Robert Livingstone Guerry; and his two sons, William Averill and Roland, a boy of 14, together with his surviving sister, Mrs. Simons, and other relatives, have all been substantially provided for with gifts out of hand.

The will is dated June 8, 1903, and is witnessed by Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, who drew it, and C. C. Tegenthoff. Mr. Peabody was Mr. Harriman's close personal friend.

Mr. Harriman, by making no bequests to children or relatives, avoided the large share of the enormous inheritance tax which, under the laws of the state of New York, would otherwise be imposed.

### Fire Spreads Near Ukiah.

Ukiah, Cal., Sept. 17.—Forest fires are spreading through the hills in the vicinity of Ukiah. At Laytonville the fire is dangerously close to the margin of the valley and the entire population is engaged in an attempt to circuit the flames. Fires along the Point Arena and Fort Bragg roads have cut off Ukiah from communication with the coast. Bridges and large areas of timber have been burned and several ranches have been swept clean. The Fort Bragg & Southeastern railroad is temporarily out of commission.

### Sheriff Asks for Soldiers.

Newcastle, Pa., Sept. 17.—On account of today's outbreak among the striking employees of the American Sheet & Tin Plate company and imported workmen, in which a striker was perhaps fatally shot, Sheriff Waddington tonight asked for state troops to guard that in plate plant. The sheriff informed the governor that the situation was ominous and that outside protection was needed at once to cope with lawlessness.

### Canada Helps Travelers.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 17.—The Canadian Railway commission has made an order commanding all railroads in Canada, which do an international business, to direct their conductors to prevent any undue interference with passengers in Canada by United States immigration officials.

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