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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.

Pekin Chinese are planning a boycott against Japan.

Three deaths resulted from Halloween at Kansas City.

A Korean revolt against Japan is expected at any moment.

The National Geographic society has acclaimed Peary as the discoverer of the Pole.

Cannibal on Admiralty island captured and ate two Englishmen and three Chinese.

The waterways convention is expected to send 500 lobbyists to the next session of congress.

American Ambassador White has refused to accept a Legion of Honor decoration from France.

Cannon has promised to support a measure giving the waterways of the country ample appropriations.

A Federal jury at Pittsburg has found David G. Richardson guilty on 24 counts of misapplication of the funds of a bank of which he was cashier.

A cave-in at a tunnel near Dunsmuir, Cal., resulted in the death of two men. The accident happened as a freight train was passing and the dead men were members of the train crew.

The 8-year-old son of General Funston is dead.

A Chicago judge has ruled that gold in the teeth is not attachable.

The Swiss watch making industry has shrunk to half its one-time size.

Another West Point cadet has been probably fatally injured in a football game.

A runaway auto at New York killed one man and fatally injured two others.

Portland is likely to face a milk famine following the cleaning up of dairies.

King Menelik, of Abyssinia, has been stricken with apoplexy and his death is probable.

Speaker Cannon ridicules the idea that he is to be retired by the next house and defies his opponents.

Alabama is facing a deficit of \$1,000,000 and nothing in sight with which to pay current expenses.

A passenger train on the Wabash road was derailed near Pattenburg, Mo., and a dozen passengers injured.

In a speech at New Orleans Taft again declared congress has shamefully neglected the improvement of the rivers.

New York is to spend \$15,000,000 in improving and extending subway.

Governor Willson, of Kentucky, has been asked to furnish troops to suppress night-riders.

A California Chinaman has secured a patent on a machine which will measure celestial distances.

Troops have been ordered to Basin, Wyo., to restrain sheepmen and cattlemen from engaging in a range war.

Chicago business men do not blame Crane, the recalled Chinese minister, and think he was unfairly dealt with.

General Estrada proposes to divide Nicaragua and make a separate republic of the provinces on the Atlantic side.

Conductors, firemen and engineers of the railroads east of the Mississippi are about to demand an increase in wages.

Naval officers in Greece started a mutiny and seized an arsenal, but were beaten in a battle with the army and surrendered.

Two bookbinders have been found guilty in Chicago. They are said to have secured nearly \$500,000 from business men throughout the country by posing as publishers of a business directory.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$1,000,000 to fight the hookworm in the South.

Iowa women have resolved to adopt militant methods in their fight for suffrage.

The church and state controversy in France has been revived by the school question.

The murder of Prince Ito has been traced to a plot in Corea and a revolt is expected.

Judge H. H. Lurtton, of the United States Circuit court of Tennessee, is proposed for supreme judge.

The Dry Farming congress at Billings, Mont., passed resolutions condemning the methods of the Interior department.

The will of the late Dr. Shoemaker, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., provides for over \$500,000 for the medical department of Yale university.

The Northern Pacific has announced many changes in officials and will spend large sums in the betterment of the line in the West.

NEW WIRELESS RECORD.

Message Received at San Francisco From 3,300 Miles Distant.

San Francisco, Nov. 1.—The long-distance wireless record has been captured by the Pacific Mail liner Korea on the first voyage with a wireless plant.

Saturday night Operator Phelps on the Korea sent an aereogram to the United Wireless station in this city from a point 3,300 miles to the westward, or 1,200 miles beyond Honolulu.

Phelps reported the distance at the time as 2,687 miles from Japan. The weather was cloudy, with a gentle easterly breeze and sea prevailing.

Phelps also received a message from here. This accomplishment more than exceeds the expectations of General Manager Schwerin, of the Pacific Mail, who said some time ago he would install wireless plants on the trans-Pacific liners when it was shown they could do effective work at a distance of 1,500 miles. The Korea not only kept in touch with the station here, but was able to receive messages from the local operator.

HEN AS COIN MAKER.

Egg Output for Single Year Reaches Sum of \$290,000,000.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 2.—Statistics prepared by the United States board of agriculture show that the earnings of poultry in the United States in one year were greater than the value of either the cotton crop, wheat crop or swine output.

The latest report of the department showed that the value of the egg output for a single year amounted to more than \$290,000,000. Twelve years ago the farmers of Kansas began to pay more attention to their poultry, and this state has become the greatest poultry state in the Union. The product of the hen is rapidly paying off the mortgages on many farms, and the business has reached a point where the laying capacity and profit of hens is a paramount question.

The State Agricultural college is conducting interesting experiments with poultry, and a recent report shows that the cost of keeping nine hens eight months was \$8.81, whereas the eggs laid in the same period brought in \$26.56, leaving a profit of \$17.75 or \$1.61 for each hen.

CHEESE EXPORT FALLS OFF.

New Zealand Takes Trade From Canadian Provinces.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 2.—Canada is losing her hold on the cheese trade. The production of Canadian cheese so far this season is approximately 1,786,000 boxes, which is only 8,000 boxes in excess of the production during the same period last year, but the price received is, on an average, one cent a pound less than was obtained a year ago.

In explaining this anomalous situation, exporters say that the lower prices are due to a considerable extent to the increase in the New Zealand cheese output. Last year 520,000 boxes were made in New Zealand, which five years ago produced only 66,000 boxes.

New Zealand's sale of cheese has now displaced the Canadian makes on the English market in the winter season.

Explosion Fatal to 12.

Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 2.—Twelve men were killed in the Cambria Steel company's coal mine, two miles from here, tonight, as the result of what is supposed to have been a dynamite explosion. All the dead are foreigners.

Three men escaped by a perilous climb on life ladders through poisonous mine gas and falling slate up the steep walls of the main shaft. Only 15 workmen were in the mine. A force of men at once began clearing the debris and fallen slate in the lower levels. When the final barrier was passed, the party found the 12 bodies.

Vessel Bumps Mud Bank.

San Francisco, Nov. 2.—Passengers on the steamer President, which arrived from Seattle last night, had a thrilling experience when the vessel, after safely negotiating the passage of the bar and the Golden Gate, bumped on a mud bank of Black Point, well within the harbor and ran hard aground.

Within an hour after the mishap the President was dragged free and hauled into her berth, none the worse for the jar. The vessel struck close in shore. There was no indication of panic among the passengers.

Germans Run From Army.

Berlin, Nov. 2.—An article in the Kreuzzeitung deplores the increasing number of desertions from the army on the Western front. It is said that there is an epidemic of desertion in the garrisons of Upper Alsace. The Kreuzzeitung makes an appeal to the French soldiers to make an appeal to the French people, who, it says, have given so many proofs of nobility and generosity, and asks them to find a happy solution to the question of the Foreign Legion—a question preoccupying the world.

Earth Shock Indicated.

Salt Lake, Nov. 2.—A well defined earth shock was recorded on the seismograph at the University of Utah at 3:25:50 this morning. The wave was apparently traveling from east to west and in the opinion of Professor Pack, of the university, was as far away as Mexico or Southern California.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

IRRIGATION IN MALHEUR.

Private Company Planning to Water 150,000 Acres.

Salem—According to advices received in the office of the state engineer at Salem, Trowbridge & Niver, a private reclamation company with a splendid record, is conducting a survey of a tract, including about 150,000 Malheur county in this state and some in Idaho. The object is to learn through the results of the surveys if it would be feasible to start a reclamation project covering this territory.

The land which is receiving the attention of the reclamation company's Snake river. The water for irrigation will probably be taken from the Owyhee river. The project is in its incipient stage, and no definite information as to the plans of Trowbridge & Niver can be obtained.

According to State Engineer Lewis, the work done by Trowbridge & Niver, has proved highly satisfactory and in those districts in Idaho where the firm has already accomplished big results, the people of the state prefer the company's operations to the United States government's projects.

The day after Oregon's new water law went into effect last spring, Trowbridge & Niver sent a party of surveyors and engineers into the Owyhee river valley to take observations. The work has been continued until the present, which leads the state engineer to believe that the private company will shortly take up a large tract in this state for reclamation.

FARMERS REGISTER KICK.

Pass Resolutions Protesting Against Marine League Measure.

Pendleton—Resolutions protesting strongly against the efforts of the Merchant Marine league of Seattle to secure an order forbidding foreign vessels which bring coal to the Pacific coast from carrying wheat on their return trip were passed at a mass meeting of citizens, held in the Circuit court room at the court house here. When the vote was taken not a dissenting voice was heard and the indorsal was unanimous. Judge S. A. Lowell was made chairman and Charles A. Barrett, of Athena, secretary.

Congressman W. R. Ellis was present and voiced his sentiments against the proposed measure and extended his services in cooperation with the citizens. J. T. Lieuallen, president of the county organization of the Farmers' Educational & Cooperative union of America; Judge S. A. Lowell and C. A. Barrett were the speakers. As the proposed action of the Merchant Marine league would tend to lower the price of wheat, the protest was couched in vigorous terms.

A telegram was sent to the secretary of the navy by the meeting, asking postponement of action until the receipt of the signed circular of protest. Congressman Ellis also sent a personal telegram to the secretary, requesting investigation into the farmers' plea.

Electric Roads for Rogue.

Medford—John R. Allen, the owner of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, now being extended towards the Klamath valley, will make an application at the next meeting of the council for a franchise to operate an electric road in Medford. He will also apply in the other cities of the Rogue river valley. A company composed of Wall street men are backing him. A company has been incorporated for a million and a half dollars and will start construction work immediately after the franchises are granted.

Farmers to Build Road.

Pendleton—That the projected farmers' railroad from Umatilla to Milton will be constructed as far as Cold Springs dam, if he has to build it himself, was the statement made by A. A. Cole, local stockman and capitalist, who is one of the leaders in the movement. The proposed route of the road extends almost directly across the center of the government project from Umatilla to the big reservoir and dam.

Hogs Equal to Fat Steers.

Condon—In a carload of hogs shipped from Condon, Fred Edwards placed a hog for which he received \$36.40. This is thought to be the record price for a single porker.

Large Crop Alfalfa Seed.

Union—From six acres of alfalfa 129 bushels of seed were taken this year. The market value of the seed is fully \$1,000. The crop was grown on the Townley farm.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.02 @ 1.04; club, 92c; red Russian, 90c@91c; valley, 91c; Pife, 92c; Turkey red, 92c; 40-fold, 95c.
Barley—Feed, \$27 per ton; brewing, \$27.50.
Corn—Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36.
Oats—No. 1 white, 28.50 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@17 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18 @20; alfalfa, \$15@16; clover, \$14 @15; chest, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$14@15.

Butter—City creamery, extra, 36c per pound; fancy outside creamery, \$30@36c; store, 22½@24c. Butter fat prices average 1½¢ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon, 35@36c per dozen; Eastern, 30@34c.
Poultry—Hens, 15c; springs, 15c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 15@15½c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 17½c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 9@9½¢ per pound.
Veal—Extras, 9½@10½¢ per pound.
Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, \$1@1.50; grapes, 80¢@1.25 per crate; 12½¢ per basket; casabas, \$1.25@1.50 per dozen; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; cranberries, \$8.50@9 per barrel; persimmons, \$1.50 per box; huckleberries, 5¢ per pound.

Potatoes—60¢@60¢ per sack; sweet potatoes, 1½¢@2¢ per pound.
Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢ per dozen; beans, 10¢ per pound; cabbage, ½ @1c; cauliflower, 50¢@60¢ per pound; celery, 60¢@85¢; corn, \$1@1.25 per bushel; horseradish, 9@10¢ per dozen; peas, 10¢ per pound; peppers, 5¢@6¢; pumpkins, 1 @ 1½¢; sprouts, 8¢; squash, \$1@1.10; tomatoes, 25¢@30¢; turnips, 75¢@1 per sack; carrots, \$1; beets, 1.25; rutabagas, \$1.10.

Onions—\$1@1.25 per sack.
Hops—1909 crop, 24¢@26¢ per pound; 1908 crop, 20c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16¢@23¢ per pound; mohair, choice, 24c.

Cattle—Best steers, \$4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; medium and feeders, \$3.50@3.75; best cows, \$3.50; medium, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; bulls, \$2@2.50; stags, \$2.50@3.50; calves, light, \$5.25@5.50; heavy, \$4@4.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.85@8; medium, \$7.50@7.75; stockers, \$6@6.50.
Sheep—Best wethers, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.75@4; best ewes, \$3.75@4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; lambs, \$5@5.50.

ERA OF LOW MORTALITY.

It Has Been Reached by the Civilized World.

Washington, Oct. 29.—"The civilized world has indeed arrived at an era of low mortality."

This conclusion is stated in census bureau bulletin No. 104, on mortality statistics for 1908, prepared by Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician for vital statistics under Director Durand, who has transmitted it to Secretary Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor.

The death rate of the registration state in 1908 was 15.3 per 1,000 of population, which was slightly lower than that for the entire registration area, 15.4 per 1,000, and it is the lowest on record. Dr. Wilbur states it is probably the lowest death rate that has ever occurred in the United States.

The death rate of the rural portions of these states was still lower, being only 14 per 1,000, while that of the urban population was 16.5 per 1,000; the latter including all cities having a population of 5,000 or more inhabitants in 1900, and being, as usual, somewhat greater than the rural rate. Such rates would have seemed quite out of the question a few years ago.

Nearly one-fifth of all the deaths that occurred were those of infants under one year of age and over one-fourth are of children less than five years of age.

Nearly one-fourth of all deaths registered were those of persons born outside of the United States. The states having the largest proportion of native-born Americans of native stock are, Dr. Wilbur states, the ones in which it is the most difficult to secure the passage of effective registration laws. Therefore, the actual mortality of Americans of native parentage is not fully represented in the registration area, although over two-thirds of the deaths registered were of native-born persons and one-third were of native-born with native parents.

It appears that the month of minimum mortality in 1908 was January, with 67,763 deaths and that of minimum mortality was June, with 49,701 deaths.

ZELAYA BOTTLED UP.

Insurgents Have Nicaraguan President in Tight Place.

New Orleans, Oct. 2.—Passengers arriving today on the steamer Imperator from Bluefields, Nicaragua, report that, when they left Bluefields three days ago, President Zelaya was virtually bottled up at Managua. A general advance by General Estrada is being checked by want of ammunition.

Several of the passengers on the Imperator stated that general news of the revolutionary movement was unreliable, as the revolutionists were inclined to exaggerate their successes. They said their own assertions regarding the serious situation faced by President Zelaya were based on their personal observations.

Captain John Pederson, master of the Imperator, said General Estrada had already established a provisional government over Grayton, Cape Gracias, Bluefields and Rama. The strict discipline was being maintained, all saloons were closed at nightfall and drunkenness and disorders were immediately suppressed.

Captain Pederson confirmed the Associated Press dispatches from Port Cortez telling of the capture and holding of a launch sent by the revolutionary leaders to Port Barrios. The launch, he said, was to have brought a large supply of ammunition to the insurgents.

De Lara Out on Bonds.

Los Angeles, Oct. 29.—L. Guiterrez de Lara, the Mexican attorney held by the United States immigration authorities on charges of being an anarchist and illegally in this country, was released from jail today on \$3,000 bond pending his hearing before Chief Inspector Ridgway, of the immigration service. De Lara's bond was signed by C. C. Reynolds, a prominent and wealthy hardware merchant, and Alfred M. Salzer, a well-known local business man.

Battleship Plans Stolen.

London, Oct. 29.—Discussing a recent rumor in the house of commons today, Admiral McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, admitted that confidential drawings having to do with the construction of the Dreadnought cruiser Indomitable had disappeared. He added, however, that as the British battleship had been in commission for some time the missing plans had lost much of their value. The loss of the sketches has resulted in the usual suggestion that they have found their way into the hands of the Germans.

Indefatigable is Launched.

Devonport, England, Oct. 29.—The new Indefatigable, a larger and improved battleship-cruiser of the Invincible class, was launched today. This vessel will complete the quartet of battleship-cruisers of this type designed for the British navy. The Indefatigable has a displacement of 19,000 tons, 45,000 horsepower and a planned speed of 25 knots an hour. Her length is 570 feet. She was laid down in January.

Epidemic Hits Academy.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 29.—Forty students of the Georgia Military Academy near here, were rushed to the city today suffering from an illness which has affected the school in epidemic form. They were distributed among several hospitals. The nature of their illness has not been learned.

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