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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

### Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

### PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

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

Hamilton flew from San Diego across the Mexican border and back.

Prices of meat and butter are beginning to drop on account of the boycott in the East.

Speaker Cannon assures his support to the \$30,000,000 bond issue to aid irrigation projects.

Hetty Green, richest woman in the world, is using fish instead of meat on account of the high prices.

Two jurors have been secured in the Panama libel suit brought against the New York World by Roosevelt.

Judge Landis cautions meat trust investigators and is angry at the publicity given his court proceedings.

D. K. Pearson, a Chicago millionaire, has given away \$4,000,000, and says he intends to die penniless. He is nearly 90 years old.

It is said there are hundreds of tons of fish and millions of eggs in cold storage in New York City, which will be a total loss if the boycott continues.

The river Seine is the highest ever known. Paris is flooded, many towns and villages throughout France are submerged and many lives have been lost.

Walla Walla poultrymen think hens can bust the beef trust.

A California convict has invented a method to protect checks.

Taft is winning supporters in congress for his legislative program.

Big corporations pay two hundred millions in semi-annual dividends.

Pinchot has been elected president of the National conservation association.

Government attorneys worked all day Sunday preparing for the trial of the beef trust.

British election is considered a tie, which may mean another general ballot in a year.

Government begins attack on concerns composing beef trust, Judge Landis presiding.

Recent Canadian railroad wreck yields over 30 dead and about 20 more are known to be still in the water.

The new comet recently seen from Arizona has also been discovered by African observers. It is as yet unidentified and is known as "comet A of 1910."

Nearly every important river in France is swollen beyond its banks. Many have been drowned and the floods have almost reached the extent of a national disaster.

Unionists still gain in English elections and Irish will have control.

Senator Carter will introduce a bill giving waterpower sites to states.

Japan and Russia both refuse Knox plan for operating Manchurian railways.

The constitutionality of the corporation tax will be decided by the supreme court.

Taft prods the senate for doing nothing, and is assured postal banks will be established.

Train robbers held up a Missouri Pacific train, robbed the mail and express cars and escaped.

Canadian Pacific wreck kills 48 and injures 90 or more. A broken rail caused the accident.

Halley's comet is now reported to be between Mars and Saturn, but not yet visible to the naked eye.

Government prosecution of the National Packing Co., known as the beef trust, will be begun at once.

A number of European aviators are intending to give exhibitions in Pacific Coast cities the coming summer.

A movement for a boycott of 30 to 60 days on meat, to force down the trust prices, is spreading throughout the East and Middle West.

Paulhan made a splendid flight over the ocean with his wife as a passenger.

The ninth day of the Hermann trial shows only one point scored by the prosecution.

Governors in convention are very jealous of state's rights in discussing conservation.

Benker Walsh spends first night in convict's cell, and prophesies he won't live out his term.

Unionists have gained five more seats in the English election.

Unionists gained more than they expected in the English election.

A Danish professor says Cook is not proven to be a fraud; simply that his proof of having found the pole was insufficient.

Enemies of President Lewis, of the United Mineworkers, have succeeded in suspending the salaries of his organizer-delegates.

## \$200,000,000 IN DIVIDENDS.

### Corporations Report Great Prosperity for Past Six Months.

New York, Jan. 25.—January dividends in stocks of nearly all the great corporations of the country have been reported as the largest on record—\$202,032,602, but if the present prosperity continues the next July dividends will be quite as large, if not larger.

The majority of the large corporations have their transfer offices and financial agencies in New York city and pay the dividends on their stocks and interest on their bonds through them here semi-annually, in January and July. A few of them pay quarterly through the same agencies.

The total dividends and interest paid by 150 of the most prominent railroads, traction companies, banks and industrial corporations during this month amount to \$202,032,602, an increase of \$19,776,496 above the semi-annual dividends and interest paid by the same companies in January, 1909.

This total does not include thousands of smaller firms and corporations in New York which undoubtedly paid an equal amount, nor thousands of corporations in other parts of the country, which are just as prosperous and have enjoyed similar profits.

Of the 150 corporations referred to, 22 increased their dividends for January, 16 paid dividends this year for the first time and four reduced their dividends 1 per cent per year, or less, for various reasons.

Few people realize the extent of the country's prosperity. The quarterly dividends which will be due in March next will amount to about \$87,000,000, which is \$12,000,000 in excess of the total of any previous year.

The 150 railroads and others corporations to which these dividends are paid represent about \$40,000,000,000 in securities, bonds and stocks.

## WILSON QUOTES "JIM" HILL.

### Secretary Says Too Few Folks Are Raising Farm Products.

Washington, Jan. 25.—"Undoubtedly if the farms were raising more meat the price would be reduced," said Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, today in commenting up on the widespread boycott against meat products. "There are not enough people on the farms raising food, and too many people are going to the towns to be fed."

"Three quarters of a million people," said Secretary Wilson, "are coming to the United States annually from abroad. They do not go to the farms, where they might help to raise food for the nation. Farmers cannot get help. The foreigners go to the cities, and they have to be fed. The cities produce nothing to eat, although they do produce something to drink."

"Have you any plan for inducing people to go to the farms, where they may help to raise food?" the secretary was asked. "Jim Hill says they will go there when they get hungry," said the secretary, after shaking his head in reply to the question.

## WAGE ISSUE COMING UP.

### Coal Miners to Decide This Week Upon Formal Demands.

Indianapolis, Jan. 25.—The most important question before the bituminous coal miners of the United States—what per cent of increase in wages shall they demand and how far shall they go in engineering the demand—confronts the convention of the United Mineworkers of America in this city this week.

The wage scale committee will report, the convention will adopt or amend the committee's report and the demand will be submitted to the mine owners at the joint conference for Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana on February 1. The new wage contract is to be dated April 1.

Conservative union leaders say that the miners probably will demand a 10 per cent increase, some local unions insisting on 20 per cent. One resolution demands 40 per cent.

## Big Schooner Is Wrecked.

Edgartown, Mass., Jan. 25.—The six-masted schooner *Mertie B. Crowley*, lies tonight a total wreck on the reefs of Martha's Vineyard island. The *Crowley* was bound from Baltimore for Boston with coal. To the bravery of Skipper Levi Jackson, of the Edgartown fishing smack *Frisclia*, is due the rescue of the 15 persons aboard the schooner—Captain Haskell, Mrs. Haskell and the crew of 13 men. The skipper's wife, like the others, was lashed for ten hours to the rigging of the battered schooner.

## Hot Springs Hotel Burns.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 25.—The new Waverly hotel and bath house in this city were totally destroyed by fire early today. Although there were many thrilling escapes, a careful checking of the register shows that none of the 92 occupants is injured. Many lost their baggage, however, and stores were opened this evening that they might obtain clothing. Property loss is about \$100,000. The amount of insurance could not be learned.

## Two Sharp Shocks Felt.

Kingston, St. Vincent, B. W. I., Jan. 25.—Two sharp shocks of earthquake were felt throughout the island at 5:50 this morning. In Kingston the protracted shocks caused a panic, but no damage was done.

Fort de France, Martinique, Jan. 25.—Earth shocks were felt here this afternoon a few minutes before 4 o'clock. The movement was undulatory and lasted one minute. So far as known there was no damage.

## HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

### SPEND \$400,000 ON PROJECT.

#### New Concern Will Build Big Reservoir to Store Flood Waters.

Laidlaw—Oregon's pioneer irrigation project, begun in 1893 just as the panic swept over the country, stands in a fair way to be completed, and the settlers who have been waiting and watching for the water that never came, may have their hopes realized. For the state of Oregon, represented by the land board, is making an effort to secure the completion of the project with the most flattering prospects of success.

Laidlaw came into being during the days when settlers expected water and as a matter of fact when water was delivered in the ditches. But the supply was not sufficient for the lands attempted to be reclaimed, the acreage reduced and other supplies of water sought. Financial troubles followed, and the company was reorganized. In the meantime it was fully demonstrated that a gravity system of irrigation was not feasible and that reservoirs would have to be built to store the flood waters of Tumalo creek during the spring and allow water to be carried over the parching land in July and August, when the stream carries scarce any water. The whole scheme resolved itself into bad engineering, but the engineer was not the man to suffer for his mistake.

Three Sisters Irrigation company to wester 27,000 acres of land lying on the west side of the Deschutes river, about six to 15 miles from Bend, taking water from a mountain stream known as Tumalo creek. The nearest railroad point is Shaniko, about 90 miles distant. The altitude ranges from 3,100 feet to 3,700 feet.

### Lowland Grain Frozen.

Salem—"It is difficult to estimate the damage the average weather has done, as it has varied in severity in different localities," said A. C. Armstrong, county fruit inspector of Marion county, in speaking of the effect of unusual winter.

"Upland grain has been protected by snow to some extent, while lowland grain has been frozen out, so that in some instances, I would say, less than one-third of a crop remains. However, it will be found upon investigation, I think, that the farmers this year planted less fall grain than they ordinarily would, because of persistence of early rains last fall.

"A large proportion of potatoes not yet dug have suffered, I am told, but other crops aside from potatoes and grain have not suffered greatly. Cold winter will be good for fruit trees. It will keep them back, giving them longer rest, making them harder, besides decreasing liability of late frosts doing damage. Cold weather will also lend flavor to next winter's apples."

### Fruit in Good Shape.

Eugene—While the recent continued cold weather has injured the grain crop of Lane county to some extent, all fruit is in good shape and it is expected that the usual crop will be gathered, according to the predictions of S. J. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association and County Fruit Inspector J. Beebe. They think the trees did not suffer from the cold at all. The extent of the damage to the grain cannot be ascertained, but is not as great as first thought. Following each hard freeze there came a good rain which packed down the ground and which has been raised by the freeze and uprooting the grain. Some say there will not be more than half crop of fall-sown wheat, while others aver that no damage at all was done. No reports on the condition of hops are at hand, but it is generally thought that very little, if any, damage has been done by the freezing weather.

### Bumper for Apples.

Hood River—Cold weather has not injured the fruit trees. Examination of fruit spurs indicates the best of condition. County Fruit Inspector G. R. Castner has made a careful inspection of his district, and reports the very best of conditions in both the lower and upper valleys. Present indications point to a bumper apple crop here this year. With a heavy snowfall on the ground, strawberry plants have been prevented from heaving out of the ground by continued frosts. One hundred and twenty-five cars of berries are predicted for this year.

### Crops in Josephine.

Grant's Pass—Outlook for fruit, hops and grain in Josephine county the coming year is better than it has been for years. County Fruit Inspector J. F. Burke has recently visited some of the larger orchards in this county and reports the trees well set with buds. The extremely cold weather we have been experiencing is all that can be desired for fruit raising and the present conditions hold until the first of March, Josephine county will be blessed with a bumper crop. This does not apply to orchards exclusively.

### Extend Phone Lines Near Medford.

Medford—The Medford & Butte Falls Telephone company has purchased the Eagle Point-Central Point line and has made arrangements with the Pacific Telephone company to build to Central Point for direct connection with Medford. The stations on the line are Butte Falls, Derby, Vestal and Eagle Point. The line will also be extended to Brownsboro at once as well as to a number of other settlements in that section.

### DAIRY EXHIBIT AT STOCK SHOW

#### Opportunity Given Model Dairymen to Show Farms in Miniature.

A unique exhibition of proper dairy methods is being arranged by the state board of health in connection with the Oregon livestock show at the fair grounds next fall. One of the leading promoters of the plan is E. L. Thompson, whose model dairy at Clover Hill farm, near Deer Island, has won attention throughout the Northwest. Mr. Thompson said:

"The fair next fall will give us the biggest educational opportunity we have ever had. We want to show cattle that are best adapted for dairy purposes by reason of breeding, care and the tuberculin test. We will have a model dairy in all its parts ready for operation. This will, of course, be in miniature, but effective, nevertheless. We will show how feed should be raised and how it should be mixed for the health of cows, the largest production of the best possible milk.

"Correct barn construction, the way the stalls should be arranged, sufficient ventilation, adequate gutter drainage, the proximity of feed, milk rooms and manure heaps, will be gone into thoroughly. We will also show how milkers should be dressed, and how they should be clean in person and in habits, to prevent contamination, and keep dirt from getting into the milk, will all be practically illustrated.

### Klamath Falls Gets Fire Protection.

Klamath Falls—The city council has ordered 60 new hydrants, which will make a total of 70 in the city. The mains on Klamath and Main streets, which will also extend down Sixth street to Oak. Fire hydrants will be established on every corner on Main street and Klamath avenue. This addition to the system is to be installed and ready for service by July 1, 1910.

### Slow Progress on Well.

Dallas—Serious difficulties are being encountered at the oil well. The formation is very hard and the supply of water increases with depth. It is possible for the drillers to make less than 10 feet daily. Oil sands are numerous and it is still the conviction of all concerned that the drill is slowly nearing an immense deposit of the precious fluid.

### Stayton Votes Down Bond Issue.

Stayton—The proposition to vote at \$10,000 bond issue for the new high school building was defeated at a special school election today by a vote of 76 to 27. Bonds of \$850 were voted for the purchase of six more lots for school purposes.

### 12 Mill Tax Levy in Lincoln.

Newport—The tax levy of Lincoln for 1909 is 12 mills. The increase in state school tax over last year is \$3,000. The increase of state tax is \$4,000 more than was paid last year. Much money is expended in this county each year for new roads.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.16@1.17; club, \$1.06; red Russian, \$1.04; valley, \$1.06; 40-fold, \$1.10.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$29@29.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$36; per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$32@32.50 per ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy: Willamette valley, \$18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$17@18; clover, \$16; grain hay, \$16@17.

Butter—City creamery extras, 39c; fancy outside creamery, 34@39c per pound; store, 20@25c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Poultry—Hens, 15 1/2@16 1/2c; springs, 15 1/2@16 1/2c; ducks, 20@23c; geese, 12@14c; turkeys, live, 22@24c; dressed, 25@27 1/2c; squabs, \$3 dozen.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 31@32 1/2c per dozen; Eastern, 28@27c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 11@11 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Extras, 12@12 1/2c per pound.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@63 box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70@90c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2@2 3/4c per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1@1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$2@2.25 per hundred; cauliflower, \$1.75 per dozen; celery, \$3@3.50 per crate; garlic, 12c per pound; horseradish, 9@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1 1/2@1 3/4c; sprouts, 7@8c per pound; squash, 2c; tomatoes, \$1.50@2.25 per box; turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.50.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack.

Cattle—Best steers, \$5@5.50; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; strictly good cows, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good cows, \$3.50@4; light calves, \$5@5.50; heavy calves, \$4@4.50; bulls, \$2.50@3.75; stags, \$3@4.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$5.50@5.50; fair to good, wethers, \$4.50@5; good ewes, \$5@5.50; lambs, \$5@6.50.

Hogs—Top, \$9.10@9.25; fair to good hogs, \$8.60@9.

Hops—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20@22 1/2c; 1906a, 17 1/2c; 1907a, 11 1/2c per pound.

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

Hides—Dry hides, 18@18c per pound; dry kip, 18@18c pound; dry calfskin, 19@21c pound; salted hides, 10@10c salted calfskin, 15c pound; green, 1c less.

### AVIATION MEET CLOSURE.

#### Curtis Wins Speed Contest; Paulhan Height and Endurance.

Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Jan. 21.—As dusk gathered over the old Dominguez ranch tonight four flying machines that had been circling in the air in rivalry of the meowicks that for so many centuries have held dominion there, settled softly to earth. The masters of the newest air craft walked to their tents, the great crowd filed down the roadway, and the first international aviation meet ever held in America was over.

All was peaceful and but few knew that one man had been near death in those last few minutes. Charles K. Hamilton was returning from a 15-mile flight toward the ocean, and while a mile from the aviation field the crank shaft of his machine snapped. To ship it would have meant a helpless drift upon the sea. To the airplane it means so little that no one in the crowd noticed anything wrong.

Hamilton shut off his engine and so leveled and swayed his planes that he was wadded gently down, touching with scarcely a thud. It was the best piece of emergency handling of a machine that has been seen at the meet.

Curtis and Paulhan—the great rivals of the meet—furnished the excitement for the closing day. Paulhan went up at 3:25 o'clock for an endurance flight. After he had gone two or three laps of the course, Curtis started on a ten-lap speed trial, half a lap or more than three-fourths of a mile behind Paulhan. Instantly it was seen that a great race was on—the first real race of the ten days.

The two airships, full power on, came over the grandstand with the speed of express trains. Curtis, it was plain, was gaining. He crept swiftly on Paulhan's heels, and on the third lap after starting he reached Paulhan, flying above. The Frenchman for a few seconds held his own, then Curtis, in his American machine, forged ahead by a nose, a length, and finally by half a lap. It was a race after that. The American machine was demonstrated as the faster beyond question.

As Curtis rushed over Paulhan, he received the greatest applause that any of his efforts have evoked. Paulhan went on until he had traveled 64.4 miles and had been in the air nearly an hour and a half. Curtis came down after a 30-mile trip.

This race gives the whole story of the meet. The Curtis machines have won all the prizes for speed, quick starts, perfect landings, and those events where a light, swift machine showed best.

Paulhan has won all the cross-country, passenger-carrying and endurance tests, having a heavier, slower machine and an engine which he trusts completely. Paulhan has taken more than \$15,000 in prizes, and has broken the world's records for altitude and for cross-country flights, alone and with a passenger.

A medal presentation took place after this, then Paulhan went upon his endurance flight. The French machine never seemed to run so smoothly. M. E. Cleary, Paulhan's distinctly English manager, was filled with emotion. He broke out as follows:

"Look at her! There she goes! Watch the turn when she glints the white planes! Isn't it mystical—something above men? By George—like a magnificent albatross after a thunderstorm. Now it's lost on the turn! It's great!"

### Taft Will Fight Merger.

Lovett Expresses Confidence Railroads Will Win.

Washington, Jan. 21.—It was stated authoritatively today that the government suit for the dissolution of the merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railways would not be dropped. Attorney-General Wickham has found nothing so far in his investigation to warrant such action.

A conference was held today between the attorney-general and Frank B. Kellogg on the one side, and Judge Lovett, president of the Union Pacific, and counsel representing the allied Harriman lines on the other, for the formal presentation of reasons why the suit to dissolve the merger of the railroads should not be pressed.

The railroad interests have made it clear that they feel confident the suit cannot be pushed to a successful conclusion, and are willing that it should be compromised.

Just before leaving for New York tonight Judge Lovett, when asked if he would have further conferences with the attorney-general on the subject, said that would depend upon many circumstances that he could not discuss.

### Pinchot's Acts Illegal.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Controller of the Treasury Tracewell declared today that there was nothing in the law or appropriation for the forest service giving the secretary of agriculture power to send forest rangers to college at government expense and to pay their traveling expenses. When Solicitor McCabe of the department of agriculture took charge of the forest bureau after the dismissal of Gifford Pinchot, he found that about 200 of these forest rangers were attending universities and colleges in the west for short courses in forestry.

### Wealthy Japanese Held.

Tacoma, Jan. 21.—United States Court Commissioner Bridges today bound Z. Akawa, charged with smuggling, over to the federal court, continuing the \$3000 bond given by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha Steamship company promptly on his arrest. Akawa is rated very wealthy, and is a partner in the large importing house of the Morimura company with houses in New York, Kobe and Niwasa, Japan. The value of the goods was \$750.

### Monoplane Strikes Wire.

Orca, Algeria, Jan. 21.—A monoplane collided with the telegraph wires here today. The gasoline supply-tube was cut. In a moment the machine was enveloped in flames and crashed to the ground. The aviator escaped with a few burns.

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