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CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Six persons have lost their lives in forest fires about Spokane.

Continued reports of crop failure keep the price of wheat going up.

A long drouth in Nevada was broken by a cloudburst, in which one person was drowned.

The Washington Coast artillery reserves made perfect scores at practice with 10 and 12 inch guns.

All conductors and trainmen on the Grand Trunk railroad of Canada, have gone on a strike for advanced wages.

Two men arrested as horsethieves in Sacramento, Cal., have been identified as men who held up a Southern Pacific train last April.

In a speech at Emporia, Kansas, "Uncle Joe" Cannon says the muckrakers can't make him withdraw from the race for speaker.

Employers of labor in Stockton, Cal., have declared war to the finish upon the closed shop principle. All building is at a standstill.

A broken trolley wire fell upon a bicycle rider on Morrison street bridge, in Portland, but his rubber tires saved him from electrocution.

The Wright Brothers have been sued for $40,000 damages for breach of contract in connection with the aviation meet at Toronto, just closed.

A Chinaman arrested in Seattle for having opium in his possession was found to have $150,000 in gold, bills and certificates of deposit stowed in two heavy wooden chests in his room.

A general strike has been ordered by the National Railroaders' union of France.

Great secrecy over a conference in the house of lords has alarmed British Liberals.

President Taft has emphatically declared that he will take no part in state politics.

Sixty carloads of heavy steel rails passed through Portland for the Pacific & Eastern road at Medford, Ore.

Taft has started a movement to restore the Colorado river to its original bed in the Imperial valley of California.

Speaker Cannon, of the house of representatives, was overcome by heat while speaking before the Chautauqua assembly at Winfield, Kansas.

Despite the wrecking of the first regular train on the new monorail system in New York, the damage will be repaired and the service resumed.

Flames starting from a surveyors' camp have ruined thousands of acres of timber and many settlers' homes on Kellogg Peak near Wallace, Idaho.

Three of England's most prominent "suffragettes" will visit America in the interest of woman suffrage, and will probably come to the Pacific coast.

Five Republican, one Democrat, one Prohibitionist and one Socialist are engaged in a lively race for the nomination for governor of California under the new primary law of that state.

Canada and United States will confer on the establishment of through freight rates.

Many banks are making application to be appointed depositories for the postal savings banks.

Secretary Ballinger will tour Rainier national park to see what improvements can be made.

The section of Nicaragua controlled by Madriz is violently hostile to all foreigners, especially Americans.

A company of Spokane men have arranged to spend $2,000,000 on an irrigation project in Rogue river valley, Oregon.

Great Britain would like to come to a friendly understanding with Germany, so she could reduce her naval armament.

In the parade at the Elks' convention at Detroit, fully 20,000 men were in line, and 300 were temporarily overcome by the heat.

Robbers attempted to hold up 40 men of a construction train in Ohio, on pay day but were put to flight by a fusillade of bullets.

An American actress was found murdered in London, and her husband has disappeared and is believed to be enroute to New York.

Forest fires in Idaho are again beyond control. Millions of dollars worth of timber is being destroyed by fires in Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

Suits which will bring penalties aggregating $42,000 have been begun against Missouri railroads for overworking their trainmen.

William Pittman, the American captured by the Madriz forces in Nicaragua was found in a filthy prison cell, dying of starvation. The American consul forced Madriz to give him better accommodations.

Roosevelt will press the fight for direct nominations.

WAR IS UNAVOIDABLE.

Japanese Writer Says Day of Reckoning is Coming.

Victoria—That war between America and Japan cannot be avoided is the theme of a special article in the Osaka Mainichi received by the Empress of China. The Japanese writer says:

"It is now being anticipated in diplomatic circles in general that in future, when the relations between Japan and America become more strained — which will certainly result from a continued collision of interest —the ministry will have to accomplish the painful duty of informing the other country's government that the result of such a collision will be an outbreak of war.

"It will be pitiful indeed, if, even on that occasion, Japan adheres to diplomatic compliments and states that no collision will take place. Why do the Japanese not boldly and openly say that there will be a collision. If they think that the Americans will believe the Japanese assertions that a collision will never take place, they will only deceive themselves—certainly not the Americans."

The writer contributes a very lengthy article, in which he credits American sympathy with Japan during the war with Russia to a desire to curry favor with the Jewish element of America, and after detailing American naval progress he urges rapid development of the Japanese navy.

MONORAIL TRAIN WRECKED.

New Interurban Service Proves Failure on First Trip.

New York—Twenty persons were injured, only one seriously, in the first commercial trip of the new monorail service between City Island and Barlow, in the suburbs of The Bronx.

Howard Tunis, the inventor, who was motorman, broke a rib and one passenger broke a leg. The latter was the only one of the injured to go to a hospital.

Although described as a monorail, the only car the company owns did not depend for the stability on a gyroscope. For support and traction it ran on a single rail, but twin guide rails overhead hung between pillars and lateral braces on either side of the right of way held it in balance.

While the car was running 30 miles an hour one of these guide rails worked loose and the car tilted 40 degrees, piling the frightened passengers in the lower angle. The pillars at either side of the car prevented it from toppling entirely.

AMERICAN HELD PRISONER.

Madriz Forces Compel Texas Physician to Treat Wounded.

Washington — On the strength of press reports the State department telegraphed American Consul Moffatt at Bluefields to ascertain whether Dr. Lawrence Burgheim, of Houston, Texas, is held a prisoner by the Madriz forces. The report was that Dr. Burgheim had been compelled to treat the wounded at Bluefields Bluff.

Evidences of the condition of unrest prevalent in Managua were received at the State department through the translation of public orders issued by the military governor in the month of June. One of these orders prohibited individuals from leaving the city without written permits from the authorities. Persons disobeying this order were classed as revolutionists.

Another order prohibited gatherings in private houses and in public establishments after 9 o'clock in the evening except by permission of the authorities.

Strike Now Abandoned

Seattle—The Machinists' Union of Everett, Wash., has voted to permit its members in the Great Northern shops there to accept the company's offer of 2 cents an hour and a nine-hour day. This will make the wagse 44 cents an hour. The men had demanded an eight-hour day. According to the United Metal Trades association, this action will result in abandonment of the strike begun June 1 all over the Northwest for the eight-hour day.

Wrecking Crew Held Up.

Albany, N. Y.—A wrecking train on the Boston & Maine railroad, which was sent out from Mechanicsville early to clear up a freight wreck near Usher was flagged by Italians before it reached the wreckage. As the train slowed down, two Italians pointed rifles at the engineer and fireman and refused to let the wreckers proceed. The train carried about 40 Italian laborers, who found themselves facing an armed crowd. The train returned to Mechanicsville.

Yellow Fever Feared.

Bluefields—American Consul Thos. P. Moffatt has issued instructions to the American naval commanders here to observe the strictest precautions that no personal communication be held with Bluefields Bluff, on account of fears that yellow fever is prevalent there. It is reported that yellow fever has reached the camps of the Madriz army.

Auto Supersedes Piano.

New York—Another count has been added to the indictment against the automobile. Benjamin Lesser, attorney for several creditors who have filed a petition in bankruptcy against a local corporation which manufactures pianos, says in explanation of the case: "The corporation could not realize on its stock of pianos on hand. People are not buying pianos any more; they are buying automobiles."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

STATE'S PROGRESS GREAT.

State Engineer Lewis Says Irrigation Work is Revelation.

Salem—After traveling 1,000 miles through Central and Southern Oregon, half of the distance by automobile and stage, State Engineer John H. Lewis is back at the state captiol and reports that development work and advancement of Carey act projects are a revelation to him.

"During the past few years the development work has been remarkable," he asserts. "At Prineville they are expecting a big rush of settlers because of the recent opening of the road land grants and prospects are bright for a branch of the Oregon Trunk up Crooked river.

"At Laidlaw the indications piont to a reorganization of the Columbia Southern project and it is probable construction work will be resumed for the purpose of reclamation of 30,000 acres of valuable land.

"Irrigation development is causing signal activity at Bend. In addition to this factor, timber, railroad construction and waterpower development are all opening a great era for that already prosperous community. Lots that sold for next to nothing on the main street of the town ten years ago are now going at $4,000. Many new houses are being erected and a great rush of settlers is expected.

"Forty miles south of Bend heavy machinery is being assembled and construction work is beginning on an irrigation project to water 30,000 acres. Development work here is in charge of the Deschutes Land company. The main line of the Oregon Trunk will go directly through this project and the Natron-Klamath line is to pass within a few hundred feet of the dam site in Crescent Lake, which supplies water for the project. La Pine is the townsite for this development work and there is now talk of moving Rossland, the old town, to La Pine so that it will be on the railroad. From La Pine alreay can be heard the sound of blasting on the Natron-Klamath line, where work is being carried on over the mountain. Every blast is cheerful news to the people of the Deschutes.

"At Paisley the 12,000-acre Carey act project is being delayed because of conflict in water rights.

"At Lakeview the dam and main canal of a 50,000-acre private project are nearly complete and the land under the canal sold.

"Perhaps of all prospective projects in Southern Oregon the one in Warner Lake valley I found had the more numerous interesting features. This is 40 miles east of Lakeview and $30,000 has already been expended in surveys looking to the development of 100,000 acres of land. This valley is 80 miles long and runs from five to 15 miles in width, between rock bluffs 3,000 feet high. The land here will be developed by the state under the Carey act. The company doing the work is under $7,000 bonds to make a complete investigation and is apparently going ahead in good faith, notwithstanding there are immense obstacles blocking the path.

"A canal of 1,000 second-foot capacity will have to be constructed for 15 miles along an almost vertical rock cliff and three miles of dikes, 40 to 50 feet in height, must be constructed across a peat bog, in addition to several storage sites, long flumes and inverted siphons.

"The tract, however, is very desirable, and lies well for irrigation, having an excellent climate, and with railroad facilities, which have been definitely promised, may prove very feasible to irrigate.

Through Line to Crater Lake.

Klamath Falls—L. W. Clapp, stage line operator, has established an automobile service between Klamath Falls and Crater Lake. Mr. Clapp has the contract with the Southern Pacific to handle the through passenger service from San Francisco to Crater Lake. Tickets can be purchased either at San Francisco or Portland and way points for the trip directly through by way of this great natural wonder. From San Francisco a ticket through will mean that after the arrival here passengers can remain over night and the following morning leave in an auto for the rim of Crater Lake where they will connect with another line from the other side.

Needs Cherry Pickers.

La Grande — With the largest crop of cherries in the history of Union county "dead ripe," a cry has gone up for pickers and packers. It is impossible to get help to harvest the bumper crop. The crews now at work are larger than ever before employed, but notwithstanding this the crop is so large that the augmented help cannot handle it fast enough. Unless help is obtained at once the orchardists will sustain heavy losses from lack of help.

Wood-Working Plant Established.

Redmond—An important industry recently located at Redmond is the wood working plant of L. L. Osborne. As soon as the building is completed, it is the intention to manufacture kitchen cabinets, light furniture, screen doors, sash and doors. This is the only establishment of the kind nearer than Prineville.

Weston Harvest Starts.

Weston—Harvesting is starting in here. A few outfits have already begun work on the lighter lands. Crops around the immediate vicinity of Weston will be average, from all indications, and of good quality; much better than last year.

BIG WATER PROJECT ON.

55,000 Acres of Rogue River Land to Be Irrigated.

Medford—Fifty-five thousand acres of the Rogue river valley will be irrigated, at an expenditure of at least $2,000,000, within the next few years as the result of the closing of a deal whereby the Rogue River Valley Canal company, composed of a party of Spokane capitalists, headed by P. Welch, acquires ownership of the property of the Fish Lake Water company.

The consideration was not given out by either party to the transaction. Mr. Welch said that his company has had the property under option nearly a year and had spent nearly $150,000 in examining the property, making surveys and in development work. The old company had about 60 miles of canals and ditches.

Fred N. Cummings, manager of the Rogue River Valley Canal company, said that his company would proceed at once to the construction of additional canals and laterals until there were 100 miles of canals and 400 miles of laterals. The company owns reservoir rights in the Fish and Four Mile lakes, with a storage capacity of 55,000 acre-feet of water, besides the running water in the north and south forks of Little Butte creek.

The company owns 7,000 acres of land in the valley in one body, on which it will maintain an experimental farm in charge of an expert. Though this body of land the company has dug a canal six feet wide at the bottom and a boulevard 60 feet wide paralleling it.

GRAINMEN IN COMBINE.

Wheat-Growers to Manufacture and Ship Flour.

Portland—As a test of their strength in opposing interests which they consider inimical to the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union, wealthy wheat growers of Umatilla county and the Walla Walla country are going to manufacture flour for export on an extensive scale, according to announcement made in Portland. While the plans of organization are not as yet complete, it is known that they include the building of flouring mills, warehouses, power plant, transmission lines and about 40 miles of railroad.

There is abundance of capital to finance the various enterprises in connection with the movement $500,000 having been already subscribed, and there is plenty of money, say the promoters, to insure the carrying out of the enterprise.

Will Have Cheese Factory.

Toledo—Toledo is to have a cheese factory. T. B. James began construction this week on the building, which is to house the plant, and expects to be making cheese by August 15. He will build the plant on the Wadsworth place, and will build a wharf out to deep water so the Wilhelmina can load the products with convenience. The capacity of the factory will be 500 gallons of milk daily, but this can be increased to 1,000 gallons.

Stock Poisoning Charge.

Salem — On a charge of poisoning stock, Al Hornbuckle was arraigned before Judge George H. Burnett in circuit court. Hornbuckle is from West Stayton and it is alleged he gave poison to animals belonging to neighbors. He has pleaded not guilty and will stand trial.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Bluestem, 88@90c; club, 83@84c; red Russian, 81c; valley, 86c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, $20@22 per ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, $18@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $20@22; alfalfa, new, $13@14.

Corn—Whole, $32; cracked, $33 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, $26@27.50 ton.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 31c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 30@31c; store, 23c; butter fat, 31c.

Eggs — Oregon candled, 26½@27c per dozen; Eastern, 24@25½c.

Poultry — Hens, 18@19c; springs, 20c; ducks, 15c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; dressed, 22½@25c; squabs, $3 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 12½@13c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12@12½c per pound.

Green Fruits—Apples, new, $1.25@2.25 per box; Lambert cherries, 12½c per pound; apricots, 50c@$1 per box; plums, 50c @ $1.25; peaches, 50c @ $1.25; Loganberries, $1@1.50 per crate; blackberries, $1.50@2 per box; watermelons, 1½c per pound; cantaloupes, $3.50@4.25 per crate.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 60@75c per dozen; beans, 3@5c per pound; cabbage, 2½@2½c per pound; cauliflower, $1.50 per dozen; celery, 90c; cucumbers, 50c per box; egg plant, 12½c per pound; green onions, 15c per dozen; peas, 5c per pound; peppers, 10@12½c; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; carrots, $1@1.25 per sack; beets, $1.50; parsnips, $1@1.25; turnips, $1.

Potatoes—Old Oregon, 75c@$1 per hundred; new, 1½c per pound.

Onions—Walla Walla, $2.50 per sack; Hood River, $2.25.

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, $5.20@5.60; fair to medium, $4.25@4.75; cows and heifers, good to choice, $4.25@5.10; fair to medium, $3.50@4; bulls, $3@3.75; stags, $3.50@4.50; calves, light, $5.75@6.75; heavy, $3.50@5.

Hogs—Top, $10@10.25; fair to medium, $8.60@9.75.

Sheep—Best wethers, $3.75@4; fair to good, $3@3.50; best ewes, $3@3.50; lambs, choice, $5.50@6; fair, $4.75@5.25.

FINDS JAPAN FRIENDLY.

American Secretary Is Royally Entertained In Tokio.

Tokio—"Unhappily, forces for evil for unknown but sinister purposes constantly are endeavoring by false reports or other methods to create conditions of ill will or distrust between two neighboring peoples.

"Their relations are too firmly established and their interests are too distinct to admit of the possibility of any question arising between Japan and the United States, which will not yield readily to the ordinary process of diplomacy. The increased and more intimate exchange of views between the two governments dispels all apprehensions on that score."

This utterance was made by Foreign Minister Count Komura in toasting J. M. Dickinson, the American secretary of war, at a banquet given by Count Komura in honor of the American cabinet officer. Mr. Dickinson and his party arrived at Yokohama on board the steamer Siberia, and after an informal reception at the American consulate, came on to Tokio.

The dinner was a brilliant affair. Eighty persons sat down to the table, including Marquis Katsura, the Japanese prime minister, and five members of the cabinet; admirals, generals and officers and their ladies. After toasts to President Taft and the emperor had been proposed, respectively by Count Komura and Thomas J. O'Brien, the American ambassador, Count Komura, in proposing the health of Mr. Dickinson, referred to previous visits to Japan of President Taft.

"These visits I recall," said the foreign minister, "not only because his personality endeared him to all, but because his insight and calm judgment enabled him to appreciate the true value of the sentiments entertained by Japan for America."

PARALYTIC LAD WALKS.

Church of God Followers Think Miracle Is Performed.

Kansas City, Mo.—Eugene Bell and his wife, of this city, believe a miracle has been performed upon their son Paul, 9 years old.

Paul has been helpless for a week with infantile paralysis. His father, an unordained minister of the Church of God, and other members of that church, have been trying the prayer cure on the boy. They were praying at the bedside at daybreak one morning when Paul awoke. At 7 o'clock the patient arose from his bed and walked to the breakfast table and ate. He could raise his arms almost as freely as before the attack. His right leg, useless for a week, supported him. The family believes him cured in answer to their prayers.

WAY TO APOLOGY SOUGHT.

Mediators Concerned With Adjusting Peru-Ecuador Dispute.

Washington—How best to arrange for Peru and Ecuador to apologize to one another for the stoning of their respective legations and consulates as a result of the boundary disputes last spring is one of the early problems that has called the representatives of three mediating nations, the United States, Brazil and Argentine Republic, into conference a Washington.

So much was learned on the second day of the conference, July 16.

The carrying out of the first conditions of the mediation, the withdrawal of the forces from the frontier and a cessation of warlike preparations, prompt demobilization and the return to a normal peace basis also are sought.

More Land to Be Opened.

Spokane—Two remaining Indian reservations in this state, the Yakima and Colville, are expected to be opened to settlement within the next year, according to Judge James W. Witten, superintendent of land drawings for the Interior department. Judge Witten is en route to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where the drawings for lots in Plummer and other townsites on the Coeur d'Alene reserve will be held. All the lands that can be irrigated on the Yakima reserve will be awarded to the Indians, leaving only grazing lands.

Drexel Flies 21 Miles.

Bournemouth, England — J. Armstrong Drexel, a son of Anthony Drexel, of Philadelphia and London, and the French aviator, Leon Morane, engaged in brilliant performances of over-sea speed flights. The start was at the aerodrome across the Solent in the direction of the Isle of Wight, thence round the Needles lighthouse and back, a distance of 21 miles. The Frenchman covered it in 25 minutes and the American in 34 minutes.

Murderers to Be Shot.

Salt Lake City—Harry Thorne, 19 years old, will be shot to death at the state prison September 9 next, for the murder of George Fassell, a grocer. Sentence was pronounced by District Judge Lewis. James Riley, who was Thorne's accomplice in the crime, and who also must pay the death penalty, according to the verdict, will be sentenced on July 23. Fassell was killed the night of March 26 last, when Thorne, Riley and an unknown man held up his store.

King Flies In Airship.

Brussels—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria established the record of being the first monarch to go aloft in a heavier-than-air machine, when he went for a flight in a biplane with M. de la Minne at the aerodrome at Kiewitt.

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