

# 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.

It is said the senate Lorimer investigation is costing the country \$750 per day.

Judge Bordwell accuses McNamara's lawyers of trying to circumvent his rulings.

A Swedish count has arrived in America to help his nephew win an American heiress.

One hundred and two American war vessels assembled for naval review in New York harbor.

Joseph Pulitzer, the deceased journalist, left \$1,000,000 to found a school of American journalism.

A Chinese imperial edict promises the country a constitution, a cabinet without noblemen, and pardon to all rebels.

A California prospector was caught by the leg by a fall of rock in a prospect hole and held a prisoner for several days, till death ended his sufferings.

Aviator Fowler crashed into the sand stand when alighting at Tucson, Arizona. The machine was stopped by a barbed wire fence and no one was injured.

A convention of the W. C. T. U. at Milwaukee has declared emphatically against high heels and hobble skirts.

Complete control of railroads by the Interstate Commerce commission and abolition of state commissions is foreshadowed by a recent Supreme court decision.

Italian soldiers are pursuing a war extermination on Arab sympathizers of Turkey, men, women and children alike being lined up and shot as they are captured.

Dr. Wiley has convicted a Spokane man of selling adulterated vinegar.

News is facing a coal famine, the price having already reached \$40 a ton.

A California man has grown fine wheat in plain beach sand, without irrigation or fertilizer.

Hereafter soldiers confined in guard houses for minor offenses will not be watched by armed guards.

Turks forced the fighting in recent engagements with Italians, and the latter are in need of reinforcements.

## GOVERNMENT BEGINS SUIT AGAINST STEEL TRUST

Trenton, N. J.—The government's long-planned suit to break up the so-called "steel trust" was begun here in the United States Circuit court. It is the most sweeping anti-trust action ever brought by the department of justice.

J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, E. H. Gary, Charles M. Schwab and others prominent in banking and industrial circles are named as defendants.

Direct connection is charged by the government between the steel corporation and all the large railroads and steamship lines, Standard Oil company, the Pullman company, International Harvester company and the Western Union Telegraph company.

Interlocking directorates are said to have given the steel corporation control over trade and commerce.

The steel corporation's proposed cancellation leases on Great Northern ore properties are declared illegal and non-effective until January 1, 1915.

The steel corporation's acquisition of the Tennessee Coal & Iron property is declared illegal.

E. H. Gary and H. C. Frick are alleged to have misled President Roosevelt when he permitted the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron properties in 1908.

"Gary dinners" are declared to have been all powerful in suppressing competition and the obligation liens upon participants characterized as "even dearer than life itself."

The government asks not only the dissolution of the United States Steel corporation, but the dissolution of all constituent or subsidiary companies, which are alleged to have combined in violation of the law to "maintain or attempt to maintain a monopoly of the steel business."

Thirty-six subsidiary corporations are named as defendants.

J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Charles M. Schwab, George W. Perkins, E. H. Gary, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Henry E. Frick, Charles Steele, James Gayley, W. H. Moore, J. H. Moore, Edmund C. Converse, Percival Roberts, Jr., Daniel J. Reid, Norman B. Reim, P. A. B. Widener and William F. Palmer are named individual defendants.

### RAILROADS LOSE POINT.

Commerce Court Denies Requested Rate Injunction.

Washington, D. C.—At the conclusion of arguments in the Pacific Coast cases, the Commerce court declined to grant a temporary injunction in the Salt Lake case at the request of the transcontinental carriers.

The Interstate Commerce commission ordered the transcontinental railroads to adjust their rates to Utah and Nevada points so as to avoid discrimination in favor of Pacific Coast terminals, to become effective November 15.

Those decisions by the commission involving the construction of the long and short hauls provision of the interstate commerce act were reserved for decision, but the Salt Lake case, in which the railroads had asked for an injunction restraining the commission from putting into effect its order was decided by the court adversely to the railroads.

### BOND ISSUE \$100,000,000.

Santa Fe Plans to Use Immense Sum in Improvement.

Topeka, Kan.—A \$100,000,000 addition to the capital stock and a \$100,000,000 bond issue were authorized by the stockholders and directors of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad in their annual meeting here.

This brings the capital of the road to \$481,486,000. A big part of the convertible bond issue will be used for improvements, according to statements made by the officers of the company.

The purchase of the Garden City, Gulf & Northern railway, a line between Garden City and Scott City, Kan., was approved. Also the purchase of a part of the Southern Pacific between Needles and Mojave, Cal.

### Army Penalties Relaxed.

Washington, D. C.—Under a new policy inaugurated in the past year in army regulations and guard duty manual, soldiers who commit offenses which mean their incarceration in a guardhouse hereafter will be permitted to discharge their duties as prisoners without the vigilance of an armed guard. Another important change affecting army prisoners is the establishment of a probation system, which allows the offender to be released after serving one-half of a sentence of ten days or more.

### Eddy Cult Held Menace.

Washington, D. C.—A vigorous attack on Christian Science was made at the annual conference of Unitarian churches here. Rev. George R. Dodson, of St. Louis, characterized it as "a menace to the country and to national life," and a "fanaticism."

Rev. Howard N. Brown, of Boston, said that Christian Science was simply an "offshoot of religion," and that Christianity was on trial for its life as not before in years.

### Beach Sand Grows Wheat.

Four-inch heads of wheat are produced from one root as the result of experiments conducted by J. G. Buxton, of Mendocino county, California, to prove that good wheat could be grown in beach sand. The sand he used was treated in no unusual way, and wheat planted in it was grown without water, fertilizer, or cultivation.



DR. ANNA SHAW, RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

### FLEET HEADS FOR CHINA.

American Battleships to Scene of Revolution in Far East

Los Angeles—Their stay in Los Angeles harbor cut to three scant days, the floating fortresses of the Pacific fleet will be rushed from this port to Honolulu or Guam, where Admiral Chauncey Thomas will await orders for a dash to Chinese waters to protect American interests or to join the foreign fleets in a movement of intervention. The plan originally announced by the secretary of the navy was that the entire Pacific fleet would lie outside the breakwater at San Pedro for a period of two weeks.

It is not considered probable that the full strength of the squadron assembled on the California coast will be sent across the Pacific, as the torpedo boats and destroyers would not be required in the clash or service the fleet will be called upon to face in Chinese waters. The light draught gunboats and unprotected cruisers, however, probably will be included among those to sail to the new rendezvous, as these are most suitable for duty in the rivers and the small harbors of China, where missions are to be protected and reconnoitering expeditions landed.

### PRICE FIXING CHARGED.

Chicago Butter and Egg Boards Under Federal Inquiry.

Chicago—Government agents have nearly completed the gathering of data to be submitted to the United States grand jury in an investigation of the Elgin board of trade and the Chicago Butter and Egg board, to ascertain whether those organizations have controlled the prices of butter and eggs in violation of the Sherman act. It is said that documents have been submitted to the investigators by a Chicago commission firm, tending to prove the contention that the law is violated. Price sheets, copies of secret by-laws and other papers are said to have been obtained.

A senate committee investigated these organizations two years ago, but nothing resulted. Subsequent to that the government brought suit to end the Chicago Butter and Egg board from maintaining its butter and egg quotation committees, in violation of the Sherman act.

### Call Convention Soon.

Washington, D. C.—The call of the Republican national convention, to be issued by the national committee December 21, will provide for 1,064 delegates to be increased to 1,072 if Arizona and New Mexico become states before the convention is held.

The increase from 930 delegates, which comprised the Chicago convention in 1908, is the result of reapportionment by congress, which increases the size of the house of representatives from 391 to 413 members, or 415 with the two new states.

### Coffin Is Man's Pulpit.

Centralia, Wash.—James Axtell, of the Centralia Salvation Army, is not squeamish as to how he attracts a crowd, but the method he adopted here was an unusual one. Axtell was placed in a coffin at the hall and carried down Tower avenue to the principal corner of Centralia. There he was "resurrected" for the regular street meeting, after which he was again placed in the coffin and carried back to the hall, where, from his coffin, he preached on "A Voice From Hell, and What God Thinks of Centralia."

### Niagara Rapids Braved.

Niagara Falls—Captain Klaus Larson, of Detroit, made his second Niagara river trip in a motorboat from the cataract to Lewiston. He completed the six-mile trip through the turbulent water in 25 minutes, coming through without a scratch. Larson says he is through with Niagara adventures, but next year will make a trip across the Atlantic in his boat, the "Niagara." As the Niagara entered the whirlpool Larson was caught in a cross-current and almost drawn into the vortex.

### Couple Wed on Warship.

San Diego, Cal.—On the after deck of the cruiser West Virginia Miss Pearl B. Lee Sturtevant, of this city, and Axel E. Tangren, shipfitter on the vessel, were married in the presence of 500 officers and men of the warship and two or three score civilian visitors. The ceremony was performed under a canopy of flags, Rev. L. N. Taylor, chaplain of the Pacific fleet, officiating. The West Virginia's band furnished music.

## PANICKY MANCHUS FLEEING PEKIN

### Fear Race Feeling May Precipitate Massacre.

Amoy, China—Placards have been posted on the city gates announcing that the revolutionists intend to take the city this week.

The people of Amoy are further appraised that if they surrender peacefully order will be preserved, if not no guarantee of order would be given.

### Women Adopt Disguises—Americans Hold Section of Wall—6,000 Troops Mutiny.

Pekin—The situation in Peking is becoming worse. A veritable panic prevails among the Manchus, and the Manchu women are adopting Chinese dress. Some of them are attempting to make their feet appear smaller by peculiarly constructed shoes.

Most all departing trains are drawn by two engines. So heavily are they loaded that the people are sitting on top of their household belongings. Officials are seeking asylum for their wives and children among the foreigners. Prior to the revolution the newspapers frequently cried out against the presence of foreign soldiers, but the natives are now fleeing to them for shelter.

The presence of 15,000 Manchu troops insures the safety of the capital for the present. The only danger seems to be from a sudden attack against the throne and officials, which might precipitate the threatened massacre by the Manchus. Race feeling is becoming intensified.

The price of provisions is still rising and a large number of foreigners are entering the legation quarter. The legation guards are preparing for emergencies. The Americans had sandbags piled on the corner wall, which is now under a strong guard. Picturesque movements of the Manchu troops through the city gates occur silently after nightfall to prevent excitement among the population.

Rumors are current that the emperor has been spirited away and that Prince Ching, who is too old for flight, has committed suicide. There are many such stories. They may or may not be true. The American legation has issued orders that the women and children living along the Pekin-Hankow railway and also in the country to the west of the line shall proceed as soon as possible to the coast.

### Railroad Buys Land.

Marshfield—Announcement that 420 acres of land in the west part of North Bend has been purchased by a railroad company has given the people of that city much encouragement in their hopes for a railroad. There is nothing definitely known as to the purchase, but it is claimed that either the Southern Pacific or the Coast Railroad, represented here by H. M. Summer, has bought the land. The tract lays along Pcnny Inlet, where there is a large amount of level land which would be suitable for terminals.

### Marshfield Lowlands Filled.

Marshfield—The lowlands of the city in the north part of Marshfield are rapidly being filled by the government dredger Oregon, which is at work here under Engineer Leefe. The north end of Front street, which was formerly a plank bridge, has been filled for a distance of several blocks. A bulkhead has been built all along the water-front, and lowlands owned by individuals will be filled.

### Ancient Fortune Divided.

San Jose, Cal.—The family of Dr. Thomas A. Perrin, a physician of this city, say advice just received from Brantford, Ont., has established claim to \$4,500,000 in the Bank of England, which has been lying idle there more than 200 years.

The fortune will be divided among nine heirs. A sister, Mrs. A. Craig, of North Dakota, gets a ninth share and two nephews and three cousins, if found, will get a half million each.

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

### CENTRAL ROAD REPORTS.

Net Operating Revenue of \$4,053 Shown by Statement.

Salem—The Central Railroad of Oregon has filed its annual report with the State railroad commission, the report showing operating revenues amounting to \$22,959 and operating expenses totaling \$18,901, or a net operating revenue of \$4,053. Taxes accrued are shown to be \$1,159, leaving an operating income of \$29,499. The road carried revenue earning passengers to the number of 31,602 and 23,644 tons of freight.

The Pullman Car company earned from operating \$1,664,583 from all lines which are in or which enter Oregon. Oregon's proportion on a mileage basis, after deducting earnings purely local to other states and the proportion of interstate earnings which did not touch Oregon, is \$395,786. This proportion includes the gross earnings from purely local business in Oregon, which were \$100,933. Taxes paid in Oregon were \$5,380. The operating expenses for the entire line in or entering Oregon were \$1,113,560, Oregon's mileage proportion of the operating expenses being \$274,353. The total net operating revenue for the Northern Express company was \$560,401, the business as far as Oregon is concerned not being segregated.

### WOOD EXHIBIT IS MADE.

John Day Headquarters of National Forest Gathers Collection.

John Day—The headquarters of the Malheur National forest at this place is preserving the exhibit made at the Grant County fair and will make it permanent. Already an excellent collection of trees, woods and plants of the Malheur forest has been made and it will be added to constantly until the showing of Eastern Oregon woods is full and complete. When fully gathered and classified the exhibit will be of considerable value to scientists, stockmen and lumbermen.

This part of Eastern Oregon is one of the finest regions in the world for the study of geology, as the formations are more varied and perfect than in any region yet discovered. It is probable that a complete showing of the various geologic formations will be added to the forest service exhibit at a later date.

### 8,000 SHEEP SOLD AT \$2.25.

Market Price in Klamath County is Showing Improvement.

Lakeview—One of the largest stock transactions which has taken place in this section of the country for some time was the sale by David Elder to O. T. McKendree of 8,000 head of lambs. The price was \$2.25. The lambs will be delivered at Klamath Falls, from where they will be shipped to markets on the coast. For a time they will be fed at Merrill, where the new owner has arranged for their care. The average weight of the lambs is about 60 pounds.

The fact that the price is better than the market has shown lately, and for such a large number of animals, is regarded as tending to show better conditions in the market than have prevailed of late. The disparity in price which has existed between cattle and sheep has been rather discouraging to sheep ranchers, for while cattle have commanded high prices, sheep have been a drag on the market even at low figures.

### CATTLE CORRAL IS BUILT.

Luke Walker Constructs One on Klamath Reservation.

Merrill—The largest cattle corral in Klamath county has been built this fall on the Indian reservation, on the David Copperfield ranch. David Copperfield is an Indian, and the corral probably will become his, although built by Luke Walker, a white man, who has put in scales for weighing cattle, with the understanding that when he takes the scales away the big corral will remain.

The Copperfield ranch is on Whiskey creek, five miles from Yainax, in the Klamath reservation. The ranch lies just at the foot of Black Butte, about three miles from the mouth of Sycan river. Mr. Walker has taken out a permit for five years' trading on the reservation, for which it is said he paid \$250.

### Trout Fry Transfer On.

T. J. Craig, chief deputy game warden, has begun transferring between 250,000 and 300,000 trout fry from the Minam hatchery, in Walla Walla county, into Walla Walla lake. The work will occupy about a week. The annual distribution of trout fry began several weeks ago, with the transfer of some 300,000 fry from the Bonneville hatchery to different streams of Baker and Umatilla counties. The distribution of fry in the Deschutes river will begin as soon as the work of stocking Walla Walla lake is finished.

### Lake County Builds Roads.

Lakeview—Work on three new roads in Lake county will begin at an early date, the county court having acted favorably upon petitions presented by the voters and taxpayers. The trio of highways to be improved is composed of the one from Paisley to the Harney county line, via Albert lake; one through Bullard canyon to Mud creek, on the Warner valley route, and a new road to give settlers along the shore of Goose lake an outlet.

### Silverside Catch Gains.

Astoria—The catch of silversides, which was light for several days, has shown improvement in the past few days, following the change in the weather. Not only the gillnetters but the traps and seines have been doing well. The Miller seining ground is reported to have closed a few days ago, but now that the catch is increasing, it may resume operations.

### HAZERS DISCIPLINED.

Five Agricultural College Sophomores Receive Penalties.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Two men suspended for the remainder of the year and three made to offer public apologies was the punishment meted out by the student council at the college on account of the hazing of freshmen, which occurred last week.

Those who are suspended until the fall of 1912 are Fred F. Glen, Portland, and Mont Oliver, Seattle, Wash. John F. Forbis, Portland; Freeman Mason, Pasadena, Cal., and Lester T. Hutt, Yamhill, made a public apology before the faculty and students gathered at convocation. The men are all members of the sophomore class.

### COOS TAXES ARE OBJECTED.

County Will Have All Timber Lands Cruised for Taxes.

Marshfield—Many objections to the assessment on timber lands will be presented to the board of equalization of Coos county by the Coos County Tax association. The tax association is composed of many timber owners in this county. They will object to the whole assessment on the grounds that in many cases the assessment has been raised when it should not be and that many tracts are assessed without equity in comparison to the land.

All of the individual cases will be brought up and besides the tax association several companies owning timber will also have objections to present to the board. The county has cruisers at work now cruising all the timber in the county with a view of making a more equitable assessment. In the townships where the timber has been cruised by the county there have been advances in the assessment of about \$2.50 an acre.

### MARSHFIELD MINE SOLD.

Millicoma Development Company Will Sell Coal.

Marshfield—The Millicoma mine, on the east side of the bay opposite Marshfield, which for the past two years has been developed by J. A. Ward, has been sold to the Millicoma Development company, a new corporation organized by local men. The development work of the mine is practically finished, and it is the intention of the company to put coal on the coast market.

The concern has 430 acres of land, under which it is estimated that there are 10,000,000 tons of coal which is claimed to be of as fine quality as any procured in this country. The buildings and tramways have all been built and a shaft 275 feet deep has been sunk thus far. It is possible to load the coal from bunkers along a deep channel, so that ocean-going vessels can take on a cargo at the mine bunkers. It is also the intention of the company to lay out a part of the land into residence tracts which will overlook the bay.

### DAM BUILDS AT CHERRY.

Over 70 Acres of Water Will Hold Lumber Company's Logs.

Forest Grove—Construction work on a huge dam across the Thualin river at the new townsite, Cherry Grove, will begin at once by the Lovegren Lumber company in the southeast section of Washington county, a few miles from the town of Gaston. This dam, which will contain more than 70 acres of water, will float the logs of the company, from which millions of feet of the finished lumber will be produced.

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