

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Turkish reinforcements are daily arriving from Syria and Kurdistan.

Balkan peace delegates are already talking over the new boundaries of Turkey.

Bulgarian forces around Adrianople maintain strict censorship of press dispatches.

A theater especially for children and their attendants has been opened in New York City.

A Denver man committed suicide on learning that his mother-in-law was coming to visit him.

The Bavarian government has abandoned the idea of establishing a regency over King Ludwig.

Twenty-two of the crew of 27, of the steamer Florence, perished when the ship was wrecked on the Newfoundland coast.

Professor James Israel, noted Berlin surgeon, denies having performed any operation on the young son of the Russian emperor.

The senate committee investigating conditions in Mexico finds the Madero government a failure and that a state of anarchy exists.

Governor Osborn, of Michigan, has given away his horses and two automobiles, and hereafter will take his recreation by walking.

An Italian anarchist chosen by lot to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, tried to commit suicide rather than carry out his task.

A colony of American negroes 20 miles west of Durango, Mexico, was looted by rebels and several of the inhabitants wounded and otherwise mistreated.

Fire in the city hall of Los Angeles burned nearly six and one-half million dollars' worth of currency, bonds and other securities, besides many valuable records.

Roland O. Graves, a French aviator, flew from Tunis, Africa, to Rome, Italy, with but two stops.

Prince Taro Katsura, new premier of Japan, promises to save that country \$25,000,000 during the coming year.

A 45-mile blizzard swept the prairies of North Dakota.

President Taft denies any intention of playing politics in his civil service movement.

It is reported that Turks have massacred all the Christians at Mytilene.

A Greek vessel reports that part of the Turkish fleet was forced to run ashore by the Greeks, and the Turkish admiral was killed.

The proposed inter-state bridge between Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Or., is given renewed impetus by big meeting in Seattle.

Turkeys are a drag on the market in San Francisco at 15 to 20 cents per pound, though chickens and other poultry are higher than ever.

Portland plans to "sing the old year out" by an open-air concert on the streets, in which everyone will join, led by an immense brass band.

The Milwaukee railroad company has made arrangements to run through trains to Portland, beginning June 1, and probably using the O.-W. R. & N. tracks.

Miss Clara Munson, newly-elected mayor of Warrenton, Or., receives telegrams of congratulation from all over the United States, some coming from New York.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 79c; bluestem, 82c; 40-fold, 80c; red Russian, 77c; valley, 80c.

Barley—Feed, \$33 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$26.50@27.50.

Corn—Whole, \$36; cracked, \$37 per ton.

Millstuffs— Bran, \$23 ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$30.

Hay—Timothy, choice, \$17@18 per ton; mixed, Eastern Oregon, \$11@12; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$12.50; clover, \$10; straw, \$6@7.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$25@25.50 ton.

Fresh Fruits— Apples, 50c@1.50 box; pears, 75c@1.50; grapes, \$1.60 box; Malagas, \$8 barrel; cranberries, \$10.50@12 barrel; casabas, \$2.50 dozen.

Potatoes— Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 60c@65c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2c pound.

Onions—Oregon, 90c@1 sack.

Vegetables— Artichokes, \$1@1.25 dozen; beans, 12c; cabbage, 1c pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 crate; celery, \$3 per crate; cucumbers, 50c@60c dozen; eggplants, 10c pound; head lettuce, \$1.50@12 per crate; peas, 12c pound; peppers, 10c; radishes, 15c@20c dozen; sprouts, 7c; tomatoes, \$1.35@1.75 box; garlic, 50c@60c pound; pumpkins, 1c; turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 75c; beets, 75c; parsnips, 75c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch locals, candled, 30c@32c dozen.

Butter— Oregon creamery, cubes, 37c pound; prints, 38c@39c.

Poultry—Hens, 12c@13c per pound; broilers, 12c@13c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 22c; ducks, 12c@14c; geese, 12c@13c.

Pork—Fancy, 9c@10c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13c@14c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7@7.30; good, \$6@6.75; medium, \$5@5.25; choice cows, \$6@6.50; good \$5.50@5.75; medium, \$4.50@5.25; choice calves, \$7.50@8.75; good heavy calves, \$6@7; bulls, \$3@5; stags, \$2@3.

Hogs—Light, \$7.25@7.55; heavy, \$6@6.50.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$4.35@5.85; ewes, \$3.25@4.35; lambs, \$5@6.75.

SEVEN INQUIRIES ON TAPIS

Estimated Cost of Investigations Placed at Over \$100,000.

Washington, D. C.—An era of investigation probably unprecedented in the history of the house will be ushered in when congress reassembles in January. Members of the house will divide their attention among seven distinct investigations scheduled to begin immediately after the holidays.

They are:

Inquiry into the so-called money trust; hearings before the ways and means committee preliminary to tariff revision by the next congress; the probe into the New Haven-Grand Trunk railroad in New England; the grand jury's hearings on general trust legislation; the inquiry into the ramifications of the so-called foreign and domestic shipping trust by the merchant marine committee; the Glass subcommittee's investigation incident to the framing of a currency bill, and the inquiry into the affairs of the office of superintendent of insurance in the District of Columbia, with testimony to be taken not only in Washington, but also probably in New York.

The insurance inquiry will begin with the District of Columbia commissioners on the witness stand.

These committees will endeavor to complete their work by the end of the session. It is estimated the investigations will cost in the aggregate more than \$100,000.

FANATIC HURLS BOMB AT NEW VICEROY OF INDIA

Delhi, India—Baron and Baroness Hardinge, viceroy and vicereine of India, narrowly escaped assassination by a native fanatic while making their ceremonial entry into Delhi, the new imperial capital of India.

The splinters of the powerful bomb, which killed one native attendant and injured another, penetrated the back and shoulders of the viceroy and he was also wounded in the neck by the screws with which the bomb was filled and which passed through his helmet.

The doctors who removed the metal splinters from the wounds declared it was marvelous that the viceroy escaped fatal injuries.

Lady Hardinge immediately after the explosion asked her husband if he was hurt. He replied: "I am all right. Go on."

Lady Hardinge then said: "We cannot. There is a dead man behind."

The elephant on which they were riding halted and the viceroy tried to stand up, but reeled and fainted and the officials who gathered around had much difficulty in removing him from the elephant's back. The howdah in which he and Lady Hardinge had been seated was blown to matchwood.

Wilson Somewhat Fagged Out.

Princeton, N. J.—"I feel like a squeezed sponge," exclaimed President-elect Wilson when he returned home after an all day's session in Trenton with the state board of pardons, over which, as governor, he presided.

Governor Wilson's attention was called to the recent discussion of pardon systems in Arkansas and other states, and he was asked whether he preferred that the state executive have full responsibility or that the pardoning power be lodged in a board consisting, as in New Jersey, of the governor and the chancellor and six judges from the court of errors and appeals. Though the governor has the power of vetoing any application, his affirmative counts no more than that of the other members.

"I like the New Jersey system better," said Mr. Wilson. "I admire very much this court, as it is open minded and certain to do the right thing."

Motive for Attack Mystry.

London—The motive for the attempt on the life of Baron Hardinge, viceroy of India, is a mystery on which it will be impossible to hazard a guess until it is known whether the miscreant is a Hindu or a Mussulman. It is not known whether the bomb-thrower has been arrested. Intense indignation is expressed in Calcutta and here over the incident. Fears are expressed that it may have been a manifestation of Moslem resentment at the British occupancy of the ancient Mohammedan capital of India.

Peruvian Issue Grave.

Washington, D. C.—Stuart Fuller, American consul at Iquitos, Peru, who investigated the reported outrages against the Peruvian Indians in the Putumayo rubber district has arrived in Washington and conferred with State department officials. The outrages brought to light, are such as to give rise to one of the most perplexing Latin-American problems with which the State department has had to deal, especially in view of the fact that British corporations are the principal operators in Peruvian rubber.

For "Non-Partisan" Commission.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Poin-dexter, of Washington, after refusing to give regard to the reports of the old tariff board when the various tariff bills were under consideration in the senate last session, has now prepared and will introduce a bill creating what he terms a "nonpartisan, high-class Federal tariff commission."

Fight by Shoe Trust Starts.

Washington, D. C.—Solicitor-General Bullett filed with the Supreme court the government's brief asking for the reversal of the decision of the Massachusetts Federal court dismissing four of the five counts in the indictments returned under the Sherman anti-trust law against the United Shoe Machinery company. This brief marks the opening of the legal fight over the criminal prosecution of the alleged trust.

Greek Army Routs Turks.

Athens—The Greek army has driven the Turks from the Kiari defile, where they entrenched after their defeat at Gorizia. The Greeks are continuing the pursuit in the direction of Lia-koviki.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

MUTUAL AID FARMERS' AID TEACH VEGETABLE GROWING

Meeting at Oregon City Results in Plan to Regulate Market.

Oregon City—In the parlors of the Oregon City commercial club congregated Saturday more farmers than ordinarily got together. The Farmers' Society of Equity, an interstate organization of agriculturists, has had an organizer in this district for some time, and the meeting was a result of his labors.

Nearly four-score bona fide farmers came together to see if it is not possible by means of this society to establish a closer connection between the producer and the consumer. Crops are to be regulated so as to avoid waste energy and a glutted market; farmers being notified from headquarters just what price to demand for their products.

Locals are to be organized throughout the county, which will be controlled by the county local. The state committee will report to the National headquarters.

PORTLAND FOURTH ON LIST

What Export Exceeded Only By Wheat and Two Others.

Washington, D. C.—Portland's wheat exports thus far reported by the department of commerce and labor have been lighter this year than last, but are still considerably above the total export of Puget Sound. The monthly statement of the department shows that during the last 11 months Portland exported 5,238,139 bushels of wheat, as against 6,244,833 bushels in the same first 11 months of last year.

Puget Sound's total exports this year have been 4,322,707 bushels, an increase from 2,870,087 bushels over same months of 1911. Portland is now fourth on the list of wheat exporting customs districts, New York being far in the lead, with 4,500,000 bushels and Galveston and New Orleans following with more than 6,000,000 each.

GAME LAW CHANGE URGED

Umatilla County Association Indorses Proposal of Commission.

Pendleton—At one of the largest meetings ever held here the Umatilla county Fish and Game association heartily indorses, by resolutions, the proposed change by the State Game commission of the grouse and deer law, which provides that the season for hunting both will be from September 1 to November 1.

Besides warmly indorsing the excellent work generally done by the State Fish and Game commission since its organization, the matter of removing protection from female deer was also fully discussed, the majority present being opposed to the change.

Another proposal receiving favorable consideration was cutting the deer limit from five to three, while a goodly number stood for even greater reduction.

Fisher Is Noncommittal.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Hawley and National Committeeman Williams called on Secretary Fisher and entered a protest against the recent cancellation of 17 Siletz entries that came within the provisions of the Hawley act, pointing out that the entries held for cancellation were among those before the department when it drew the Hawley bill and, inasmuch as that bill had been drawn in the department to facilitate the patenting of these identical entries, it was unjust now to read into the law requirements as to cultivation and residence that were not in the law when it was written by the department and passed by congress.

Representative Hawley said after the conference that he had hoped Secretary Fisher would reverse the recent adverse action in the 17 cases, but the secretary made no promises.

Poultry Association Organized.

Eugene—The Oregon branch of the American Poultry association was organized here by the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and by the nomination of a set of officers. As there was but a single nominee for each office, the following are the probable officers: E. J. McClanahan, Eugene, president; H. Ringhouse, Clackamas, vice president; B. F. Keeney, Eugene, second vice president; Ed Shearer, Estacada, secretary; B. Lee Page, Portland, treasurer. A banquet closed the meeting.

Bay City Votes Port Tax.

Bay City—At a special meeting of the commissioners of the Port of Bay City, it was voted to levy a tax of one and one-half mills on the assessed valuation of the port, amounting to \$5,500,000. It is for the purpose of financing the preliminary expenses incurred in complying with the government requirements, as called for under the terms of the recent appropriation allowed by the rivers and harbors bill, for the improvement of Tillamook bar and harbor. Actual work will be started early in the spring.

Health Resort Planned.

Bandon—A modern sanitarium is to be erected at Bandon by H. C. Dipple. The sanitarium will contain one of the largest covered swimming pools on the Pacific Coast.

Every summer a large number visit Bandon-by-the-Sea to recuperate. The climate is mild, never hot, the air bracing and the scenery beautiful. The erection of a sanitarium with a swimming tank open to the public will no doubt do much to increase the popularity of Bandon as a seaside resort.

Boy Scouts to Organize.

Albany—Albany will soon have an organization of Boy Scouts. More than 20 boys of this city met and formed a troop and permanent organization will be effected in January. Professor Hans Flo, of Albany college, will be in charge of the organization here.

REBELS GET CASAS GRANDES

Defeat '800' Federals and Capture General Blanco.

El Paso—Casas Grandes, the most important town in the ranching and lumbering district southwest of Juarez, has been taken by rebels personally commanded by General Pascual Orozco, Jr., it is reported from rebel official sources. Also it is said that the federal column of 800 men marching against the rebels at Aconcion was defeated, with its commander, General Jose Blanco, among the prisoners taken.

Confirming this report, S. D. Ambrose, an American hotel man of Columbus, N. M., has arrived here. He was in Aconcion at the time of its capture and talked with General Salazar, whose forces took the town.

While there a messenger arrived directly from General Orozco with a letter to the rebel leader saying that he had taken Casas Grandes and defeated Blanco.

Blanco's force was entrapped, the official report says, in a canyon north of Casas Grandes. Aside from capturing many rifles and much ammunition the rebels seized two cannons. Details of the battles are lacking, but Casas Grandes was taken easily, Orozco wrote, as the federals left only 200 men to protect the town.

By taking Casas Grandes, the scene of a hard struggle in the Madero revolution, in which the rebels were repulsed, the Orozco revolutionists control the Mexico Northwestern railroad, which runs between Juarez, on the border, and Chihuahua City, the state capital, and territory covered by the American syndicate, which includes the Pearson syndicate.

TEST NEW WIRELESS FOR DISTANCE OF 3000 MILES

Washington, D. C.—The final test of the new wireless station of the Navy department at Arlington, which is still in the hands of the contractors, will be made next month when an effort will be made to exchange messages between the station and the scout cruiser Salem, at a distance of 3000 miles.

Orders have been issued by the Navy department for the Salem to fill up her crew so as to be in readiness for the test on January 15. She will put out into the Atlantic and in making the tests will describe a circle, the radius of which will be 3000 miles, the distance called for in the government's contract. The Salem, with its powerful wireless apparatus as any in the navy, will be able to respond to any message flashed from the giant towers on the Potomac.

OREGON IN TIMBER COLUMN

May Soon Occupy Third Place as Lumber Producing State.

Salem—Declaring that Oregon stands pre-eminent among the states in forest wealth; that of the total amount of timber in the United States, this state has one-fifth, and that it now stands fourth among the states in its lumber cut, the preface of the report of the State Board of Forestry further declares that this state probably will advance to the third place next year.

"It is extremely difficult to convey any idea of the magnitude of Oregon's forest resources by quoting figures in terms of board feet or acres of timberland," states the report. "This point can, however, be brought out emphatically by comparison with the forest resources in the other timbered regions of the United States. Statistics prove that Oregon has almost twice as much timber as is found in all New England, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, a territory commonly known as the great northern forest region. "The central forest region, extending from Southern Michigan to Southern Tennessee, and from the west slope of the Appalachian mountains westward to the prairies, has long been famous as a source of our hardwood, yet it contains only half the amount of standing timber as does Oregon."

Oregon Has Woman Mayor.

Warrenton, Or.—By 16 votes lead Miss Clara C. Munson, daughter of a survivor of the Whitman massacre, graduate of St. Helen's Hall, Portland, and one of the best known Rebecca lodge women of Oregon, was elected mayor of Warrenton over J. W. Detrich and thereby became the first woman mayor in Oregon. Also it establishes a precedent for equal suffrage states, as it is but little more than a month that the women have had the ballot in Oregon.

Miss Munson, who is about 30 years old, headed the Citizens' ticket, nominated at mass meeting. Mr. Detrich, her opponent, headed the Independent ticket.

Hood River Work Rushed.

Hood River—With the Hood River gradually rising for the past week, a crew of men changing the course of the channel of the mouth of the river, under the supervision of the state game and fish commission has been battling to make the funds available for the work go as far as possible before the waters pour over the dam that has been constructed. Not only is the commission interested in the work, but local sportsmen, who desire to see a return of the game steelhead salmon to the pools.

West Stayton Has Light.

West Stayton—Lights have been installed along the Santiam river in West Stayton and also by the Southern Pacific company in its depot park. Ornamental lamp posts were obtained from Philadelphia and they present a decidedly up-to-date appearance. This undoubtedly is the only small town of its size which lights its main street, and the difference, after passing all the dark hamlets and coming into the lighted town of West Stayton, is for that reason all the more noticeable.

Decide Against Jute Bag.

Pendleton—The days of the jute bag in Umatilla county and Eastern Oregon are practically numbered, according to prominent local growers of grain. Believing the price of the jute bag is kept up by the trust, members of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union have decided either to purchase cotton bags of Southern manufacture or erect elevators and handle their grain in bulk.

YAQUI CAPTURE MEXICAN CITY

Inhabitants Resist Until Ammunition is Exhausted.

Slaughter Follows Victory of Indians—Young Women Carried Off into Mountains.

El Paso, Tex.—Yaqui Indians, after an attack lasting two days, have captured the Sonora town of San Marcial, slaughtered many of the inhabitants and carried off several girls to the mountains.

The inhabitants of the town, the special says, fought until their ammunition gave out, when the Indians, who attacked in force of several hundred, gained entrance. Scenes of terrific slaughter followed, only a few escaping to carry the tale to the outside world. The Indians retreated to the mountains, carrying the young women with them.

San Marcial is in the center of the Sonora cal district, a little more than 50 miles southeast of Hermosillo. This is the first time so far as known here where Yaquis successfully assaulted so large a town.

The Indians are said to be using military tactics acquired during two years of training in Madero forces to advantage, gathering force until they have practically what might be termed an army. All are armed with high-power rifles secured during the government service.

Official apprehension of another rebel attack on Juarez was aroused by the operations of the Yaquis in San Marcial.

A recommendation from the State department in Washington in September that 1000 men be kept in Juarez to avoid a repetition of the casualties incidental to the Madero revolution has not been complied with. The town has a garrison of 500 men and a small artillery force.

TAFT ENROUTE TO ISTHMUS

President and Party to Inspect Work in Canal Zone.

Key West, Fla.—With the guns of the United States battleships Delaware and Arkansas roaring a welcome President Taft and his party late Saturday afternoon boarded the Arkansas and set out for the Panama Canal zone. It was shortly after 4 o'clock when the president, after making a short speech here, boarded one of the launches of the Arkansas, together with Mrs. Taft and the remainder of the presidential party, and was taken to the battleships. A few minutes later both the Arkansas and the Delaware, which will act as an escort, had weighed anchor and were steaming out of the harbor.

The presidential party will spend three days in the canal region. President Taft plans to get back to Key West on December 29, and two days later to be in Washington.

Investigations of conditions in the canal zone to determine whether the time is opportune for establishing civil government there is the announced purpose of the president's visit. Mr. Taft has said that he expected to issue the order establishing civil government immediately if he found conditions favorable.

The president for six hours rode through the fruit-bearing country of Florida and part of the everglades. His train then passed out over the open sea railroad extension. A special observation car had been attached to the train in Miami and the President spent much time in it.

A short talk was made by President Taft in Miami, in addition to the one here. In both addresses he said he thought it incumbent upon him to establish civil government in the Panama Canal region and not leave the task to President-elect Wilson.

MEN'S "EMOLUMENTS" MIXED

Washington, D. C.—"Emoluments," or allowances for army officers, include forage for riding and carriage horses and the hire of household servants, according to a decision by the Supreme court of the United States. The decision was announced in the suit of Mrs. Sarah K. McLean, the widow of Nathaniel H. McLean, of Cincinnati, who resigned from the army in 1864, and was reinstated in 1875.

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Court Deems Servants and Feed for Horses Proper.

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Red Hair Frightens Seal.

Los Angeles—Women with red hair will have to be barred from the Venice Aquarium, or the latter will have to dispense with "Old Hundred," a recently captured seal. "Old Hundred," is extremely docile in ordinary circumstances, but the moment a woman appears whose hair has even a touch of sunburn he seemingly becomes panic-stricken. Dr. P. S. Barnhart, instructor of biology at the University of Southern California, who was attracted by reports of the seal's behavior, is unable to explain the matter.

Editor To Be Deported.

New York—Edward F. Mylius, the Britisher convicted in London of libeling King George V and sentenced to serve a year in prison, was ordered deported by the commissioner of immigration at Ellis island. Mylius published a sensational story that the British sovereign had contracted a morganatic marriage in Malta in 1880. The story was disproved in an action for libel brought against him by the solicitor-general of England. He was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, which he had just served.

Fort Wright To Pass.

Spokane—Fort George Wright, near Spokane, practically will be abandoned, according to unofficial information received here Wednesday. The two battalions of the Twenty-fifth Infantry now garrisoning the fort will leave for Hawaii in the near future. A half company is expected from Vancouver barracks to act as prisoners' guard and to police the grounds, but no other troops are expected to replace the Twenty-fifth.

Railway Officials Blamed.

Zanesville, Ohio—Coroner Walters held officials of the Pennsylvania railroad responsible for the wreck at Dresden on December 3, when a train division collided with a Cincinnati-Muskingum Valley division train and 11 persons were killed.

Sail for Treasure Island.

Panama—A party of treasure hunters, headed by Miss Harry Tullies and Genevieve Davis, left here Wednesday for Cosa Island. The island lies in the Pacific about 550 miles southwest of Panama and for years has been the lure of treasure seekers.

BRITISH SHIP BRINGS BODY

Late Ambassador to England Receives High Honors.

Portsmouth, England—The British armored cruiser Natal sailed out of Portsmouth harbor Saturday afternoon with the body of Ambassador Reid on board, amid a salute of 19 guns.

Full naval honors were paid to the body of Ambassador Reid on its arrival at this port from London.

Admiral Sir Rodworth Mowat, the commander of the port, and all the present at the station when the train Nelson's flagship, the Victory, fired a salute of 19 guns.

The coffin was borne across the jetty on the shoulders of eight petty officers of the British navy and taken on board the armored cruiser Natal, from the mainmast of which vessel the United States ensign was immediately broken.

All the ships in the harbor and at their mastheads as the coffin was lowered to the ship's deck and then lowered to the water. The petty officers were carpeted with purple, white jackets adorned with blue and black, each side as the casket was taken through.

The petty officers bearing the casket walked slowly to the mortuary chapel, lined with purple, which had been erected on the weather deck of the Natal, and as they deposited it on the catafalque, the ship's bugler sounded the "Last Post," while the crews of the warships lined the rails. The wreaths sent by President Taft and members of the royal family completely filled the little mortuary chapel, which was so placed that it could be lowered in case of heavy weather.

By a coincidence, the hospital ship Maine, presented to England by American republicans, was moored just outside the cruiser Natal.

There was no service on board the Natal, which left port immediately on schedule time, passing through the lines of the other vessels, which all had their flags at half mast, and their crews standing at the salute.

SPEED WOULD BE ECONOMY

Engineer Recommends Rapid Work Done On Cello Canal.

Washington, D. C.—How \$100,000 in cash and more than a year in time can be saved on the construction of the Cello canal is fully set forth in a report by Captain H. H. Roberts of the Army Engineer corps, recently transmitted to congress. It remains to be seen whether congress will be willing to direct this economy by increasing the appropriations for the canal, so the work can be completed by January 1, 1915. The report of Captain Roberts, heretofore reviewed briefly, summarizes the appropriation to date, showing a total of \$3,154,000, and adds:

"The amount required to be appropriated for completion of the existing project is \$1,508,392.64.

"The delay incurred since January 1, 1912, as compared with what would have been the rate of progress had ample funds been available, is estimated as at least six months, there having been necessary reserve made of a portion of the then available funds to provide for the possibility of no funds becoming available by the last river and harbor act. The delay was made up of reduction of force and partial suspension of work for several months, total suspension of work for about two months, together with additional delays incident to delivery of materials, collection of fees, etc., necessarily incurred in starting the work again.

"After careful consideration of present conditions, it is believed that in view of the above-mentioned delay already incurred, the canal cannot be completed to best advantage before January 1, 1915, even with the work funds available for that date, which is one year and six months in advance of June 25, 1916, the time originally proposed in the river and harbor act of June 25, 1910.

Beggar Proves Sluggish.

Kansas City—When a young man met E. W. Andrews on the street here and asked for something to eat, he was surprised at Andrews' willingness to comply. "Yes, I will buy you something to eat," Andrews said, as he led the way to a restaurant. Then Andrews summoned an officer. Andrews had recognized him as one of two men who slugged and robbed him a few nights before. "I would have secured free board for you for a long time," Andrews said as he gave him over to the policeman.

Human Bomb Gets Writ.

Los Angeles—Attorneys for Carl Riedelbach, the "human bomb," who captured the Central police station some weeks ago, obtained a writ of habeas corpus directing the county authorities to appear in court Monday and show cause why the prisoner should not be released. Riedelbach's attorneys argued before Judge Willis, of the Superior court, that their client had committed no crime, according to the state's statutes. He merely appeared at the central station carrying an infernal machine.

Puts Eggs in Her Hose.

Richmond, Cal.—Mrs. D. Kavinnet, a shoplifter, was caught with enough eggs in her stockings to make a family omelet. Eggs have disappeared every time she visited a market, conducted by T. D. Morgan. He marked some of the eggs and waited. They faded from sight on her next visit to the market and Morgan called a policeman. A woman at the jail made a search and reported nothing doing in the egg line. Morgan averred that Mrs. Kavinnet had the eggs. More searching brought them to view in her stocking.

Aid for Park Asked.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Chamberlain has been urged by the Mazama society, of Portland, to aid in obtaining an appropriation of \$250,000 from this congress for widening the road into the Mount Rainier National park, in the State of Washington, from the south construction of the branch road to the Indian Henry hunting grounds, the construction of horse trails in the park and the survey for a highway into the park along Carbon river.

Garrison Has Typhoid.

Hannu, Germany—An epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out among the troops of the garrison here. Two hundred and eleven soldiers are lying in hospitals suffering from the disease. The river Main is believed to be infected and if this is proved to be so, the health of the entire population will be imperiled.

Death May Free Suspect.

New Westminster, B. C.—On January 7 next Charles Dean, the only Bank of Montreal robbery suspect now held in this city, may regain his freedom. The prisoner's solicitor has granted an order calling upon the attorney general to show cause why the prisoner should not be discharged. Since the preliminary trial one of the principal witnesses, who claims to have seen the accused in the automobile file with four other men, has died.

Destroyer Balch Launched.

Philadelphia—The torpedo boat destroyer Balch was launched Saturday from the Cramp shipyard. Miss Grace Balch, of Washington, a descendant of Balch, of Washington, christened the vessel. The destroyer is a sister ship to the Aylwin, launched from Cramp's the month ago. The vessel is 300 feet long and has 37 feet beam.