

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ANNUAL INSURANCE REPORT

Secretary of State Shows Growth and Present Status of Business.

Salem.—Frank Benson, secretary of state, as ex officio insurance commissioner, has completed his annual report. It is now being printed and will be available within a few weeks. The report includes a statement of the total risks written by all insurance companies doing business within the state of Oregon, the gross premiums received, premiums returned, losses paid and the net premiums for taxation of all authorized companies and associations for the year ending December 31, 1907.

Besides much other valuable information the report shows the aggregate business transacted within the state since 1895; the amount of licenses and taxes paid into the state treasury since 1887, and gives a list of all the insurance companies authorized to transact business in Oregon on May 8, 1908. A statement of the business of the several Oregon mutual fire relief associations for the year ending December 31, 1907, is also included.

CITIZENS TAKE INITIATIVE.

Plan Bonds to Raise Money to Improve Siuslaw Bar.

Eugene.—The citizens of the Siuslaw valley, on the coast of Lane county, are becoming tired waiting for the government to improve the bar at the mouth of the Siuslaw river so vessels can pass out or in without delay, and a plan is being discussed to raise funds for the undertaking in another way. It is proposed to bond that part of the county lying west of the Coast range of mountains for 30 or 40 years, and use the money thus raised in building jetties at the mouth of the river. It is thought by the promoters of the scheme that \$100,000 could be raised easily in this way, and that with this sum considerable start could be made toward constructing the jetty. It is hoped by the time this sum is expended the national government would be ready to take up the work and push it to completion. To meet the interest on the bonds each year, it is proposed to collect a toll of perhaps 25 cents per thousand feet on the lumber and a proportionate sum on other articles exported from the towns at the mouth of the river. Later a sinking fund could be raised in the same way to pay off the bonds when they become due. In this way the expense of building the jetty would be borne by the industries directly benefited by the work.

Reject Dam Bids.

Klamath Falls.—The secretary of the interior has rejected the bids on the Clear lake dam, a part of the Klamath irrigation project, on account of the high figures, together with the fact that land owners in that section have still five per cent more land to sign up to bring the total up to the required 80 per cent. The two bids submitted were by Maloney Bros., of San Francisco, \$115,770, and Maney Bros., of Winnemucca, \$188,980. The government may readvertise for bids, or do the work by force account.

Good Progress on Calapooia Line.

Brownsville.—The new railroad up the Calapooia river from Brownsville is being surveyed. Work on the line will commence soon. The line will run out from South Brownsville and thence east for about 20 miles to Crawfordville and Holley. This will be of great advantage to the town. It will open up a vast timber belt said to be the finest in the state. The big dam across the river is about completed. Brownsville will soon have electric lights again.

Double the Enrollment.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Judging from the applications that are pouring into the Registrar's office, the freshman class of next September will be the largest in the history of the university. More than 200 applications have already been received from graduates of the different high schools and academies throughout the state, and it is safe to predict that there will be at least 100 more, as many freshmen do not apply for standing until college opens in the fall.

Bronco Bucking for Condon.

Condon.—Condon will celebrate the Fourth of July in old-fashioned style, and a committee was appointed to solicit funds for the carrying on of the festivities. It is planned to hold a market day in connection with the celebration, just as has been held in Pendleton and The Dalles. Bronco bucking contests and baseball will form a part of the programme while a number of carnival features will also be added.

Fruit Crop Will be Heavy.

Baker City.—Unless exceptionally cold weather should overtake this part of the country there will be a large fruit crop, according to men who are heavily interested in fruit lands and orchards. In the immediate vicinity of Baker City fruit is necessarily slower on account of the altitude, but over in Pine and Eagle valleys it is far advanced. Recent cold spells have not damaged the crop materially.

Young Chosen at Milton.

Milton.—J. E. Young, recently principal of Moore's school in this valley, has been appointed principal of the Milton school. The directors had previously engaged R. E. Davies, but this week he notified the trustees of his refusal of the position. Mr. Davis will teach at Nyasse, Ore.

Teachers Turn Homesteaders.

Oreton.—About 30 teachers of the public schools of Malheur county have filed on homesteads under irrigation projects near Vale and will engage in farming. A number of unmarried women teachers are in the number.

WILL CEMENT CANAL.

Seepage Causes Washout on Umatilla Irrigation Ditch.

Pendleton.—A section of the main feed canal of the Umatilla irrigation project about 40 feet in length was washed out between Foster and Echo, the cause of the washout being seepage water, which has constantly drained through the porous soil at that point. The O. R. & N. track is within a few feet of the canal at that point, and the grade has been softened for about half a mile by the seepage. The government engineers have decided to cement a section of the canal there. It is estimated it will cost \$21,100 to complete the cement work necessary. Owing to the strong flow under the tracks, the company has kept track walkers constantly there for several months. All trains have run slowly over the place for some time. Costly repairs will be made on the O. R. & N. track. Water will be turned off the feed canal while the repairs are in progress.

Posse Chases Horse thieves.

Baker City.—In the country south of Huntington officers are chasing a band of horse thieves, who have been practicing in Malheur county. It is claimed the thieves are headed for Baker county, with the probable hope of being able to reach a transcontinental railroad and get out of Oregon. In the last few weeks many reports have been received of horses being stolen, and there is a rumor that the gang sent up from Malheur some time ago and later pardoned by Governor Chamberlain has completed a new organization, and is operating in the same manner they were a few years ago, when the taxpayers of eastern Oregon spent much money and effort to capture them.

Coos Finds Oil.

Marshfield.—The stir over oil in Coos county, successfully held down for several weeks past, has reached the stage that facts cannot longer be kept from the public. Oil men have been here on investigating missions, and corporations and individuals have quietly been taking options for several weeks. Actual crude oil has been struck near Bandon, and gas has been encountered in many places. Around Coos Bay indications are sufficiently strong to warrant large options and extensive preparations for borings.

Drain More Klamath Land.

Klamath Falls.—Twelve hundred acres of swamp land north of Klamath Falls, near Naylor, will be reclaimed by the owners, Fred Melhase and John Hagelstein. Land adjoining has raised some of the finest vegetables ever grown in Klamath county, and this land when drained will be cut up into small truck patches. The surveyed line of the Oregon Eastern, running north from Klamath Falls to Naylor, will cross this area of swamp land and the dike will be used in draining it.

Open Gates at Hermiston.

Pendleton.—With hundreds of enthusiastic excursionists in attendance and ideal weather prevailing, the head gates of the Umatilla irrigation project were thrown open at Hermiston last week. An excursion train of six coaches left this place, bearing a large number of representative business men and farmers, as well as representatives from Milton, Freewater, Weston and Athena.

Progressive Spirit at Cornelius.

Cornelius.—The old schoolhouse in Cornelius, which has so long been an eyesore to the more enterprising portion of the people, has been torn down and preparations are being made to erect a new one, which will be a credit to the city and district.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 90c per bushel; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 90c.
Barley—Feed, \$25.50 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50 per ton; 87c; 82c.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$26 per ton; middlings, \$30.50; shorts, country, \$28.50; city, \$28.50; wheat and barley chop, \$27.50.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, \$15; Eastern Oregon, \$18.50; mixed, \$16; clover, \$14; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa, meal, \$20.
Dressed Meats—Hogs, fancy, 8c per pound; ordinary, 7c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 7c; ordinary, 6c; heavy, 5c; mutton, fancy, \$29.9c.
Butter—Extras, 25c per pound; fancy, 24c; choice, 20c; store, 18c.
Eggs—Candled, 19@20c per dozen; unincubated, 19c per dozen.
Poultry—Mixed chickens, 11@12c per pound; fancy hens, 12@12c; roosters, 8c; fryers, 20c; broilers, 22c; ducks, old, 17@18c; spring, 20@22c; geese, 50@9c; turkeys, alive, 16@18c for hens, 14@16c for gobblers; dressed, 17@19c.
Apples—Select, \$2.50 per box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.50; ordinary, \$1.25.
Potatoes—Old, Oregon, choice, 20@28c per hundred.
Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, 15@17c per pound; gooseberries, 6c per pound; apricots, \$1.50 per crate.
Onions—California red, \$1.65@1.75 per sack; Bermuda, \$2 per crate; garlic, 15@20c per pound.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.50@1.75; beets, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.25; cabbage, \$1.75@2c per cwt.; beans, 11@12c per lb.; head lettuce, 12@13c per dozen; asparagus, \$1.50 box; egg plant, 20c per lb.; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 15c per dozen; rhubarb, 3c per pound; spinach, 3c per pound.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@6c per pound; olds, 2@3c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@13c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 10@12c.
Mohair—Choice, 18@18c per lb.
Casaca Bark—\$4@4c per lb.

WORK OF BOYS.

Youthful Robbers Confess to Holding Up Great Northern.

Great Falls, Mont., June 2.—The hold-up of the northbound Great Northern train at the stockyards, about a mile and a half from this city, was the work of three boys, who now occupy cells in the city jail. A fourth youth, who admits having assisted in planning the hold-up, but who took no active part, is also a prisoner. The quartet have made a complete confession to the police. The names of the four boys are: Albert Hatch, aged 15; William Randall, aged 17; Harry Rheams, aged 15, and George Cresswell, aged 16.

According to the story told by Randall, Rheams and Cresswell, the hold-up was planned and carried out under the generalship of Hatch, the youngest of the four, who is said to have turned the switch, ordered the engineer to back up and to have gone through the passenger coaches with the conductor, forcing the latter at the point of a gun to collect from the passengers. According to the other boys, it was also Hatch who shot William Dempsey and narrowly missed shooting Conductor Jack Hayes.

Rheams stated that Hatch, after they had left the scene of the hold-up, proposed that they cross Sun river to the Montana Central line and hold up passenger train No. 236 from Butte, which was due in two or three hours. Because he demurred, Rheams states, Hatch drew his revolver and threatened to kill him. He was dissuaded from the second attempt at train robbery by the two youths who were with him. The stories told by the boys, with the exception of Hatch, agreed in the main details. They state that the hold-up was planned two nights before, it being decided to rob the train the first dark night.

BIG RAIL CONTRACT.

Illinois Central to Spend \$1,450,000 for New Steel.

Birmingham, Ala., June 2.—Tangible evidence of generous proportions that prosperity is returning is given in the fact that the Illinois Central Railroad company, in connection with the opening yesterday of its new line between Chicago, Birmingham and Atlanta, has placed a contract for 52,000 tons of steel rails, to cost \$1,450,000.

The contract goes to the Tennessee Iron & Coal company, and is the largest order since the financial depression set in. Only one contract, that of the Pennsylvania, takes rank with it.

The official announcement that the Illinois Central has decided to ignore what remains of the financial depression is likely to set the pace for other large systems which have been withholding similar orders until conditions are fully normal.

This contract will enable the steel mills here to open additional plants and give immediate work to more than two thousand skilled men who have been idle for some time. In an indirect way it will start the wave of prosperity over the entire South, putting a large amount of money into immediate circulation and stimulating all sorts of business.

FEARS FOR SHIP.

Steamer Vaderland Is Reported Sunk With All On Board.

Paris, June 2.—A special dispatch to the Petit Journal from Brussels says that it is rumored the Red Star steamer Vaderland has been wrecked in the North sea in a dense fog. There are 1600 passengers aboard.

Lloyd's does not confirm this news, which, however, comes from what is usually considered a most reliable source. There were three collisions in the North sea today, and passengers on the Dover-Ostend mail packet declare that they saw a vessel cast away on the Goodwin sands.

New York, June 2.—No official confirmation could be obtained tonight in this city of the report of the wrecking of the steamer Vaderland in the North sea. The offices of the International Mercantile Marine, which controls the Red Star Line, and the offices of the Red Star Line company were closed.

Cleveland Goes Home.

Lakewood, N. J., June 2.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, who has been confined to the Lakewood Hotel for two months with an attack of rheumatic gout and acute indigestion, has sufficiently recovered from his illness to leave here today for his home in Princeton. The trip was made in John Hays Hammond's large touring car. Mr. Cleveland was accompanied by Mrs. Cleveland and Dr. G. Rowe Rockwood, who has been alternating with Dr. Joseph T. Bryant, the family physician, in caring for the patient.

Close to a Mile a Minute.

Los Angeles, June 2.—The two days' auto meet held in this city was an unprecedented success, several thousand people being in attendance at today's races. The Coast record for 50 miles on a circular track, broken yesterday, was equaled today by Ralph Hamlin, who drove a 42-horsepower, six-cylinder car 50 miles in 57 minutes and 43 seconds. Hamlin made this record yesterday during the last 50 miles of the 100-mile race, and made the same time today.

Foot of Snow in Nevada.

Ely, Nev., June 2.—The heaviest snow storm since last winter was experienced here last night. Fully a foot of snow fell. The storm was general between Ely and Cochrane. No damage was reported.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Saturday, May 30.

Washington, May 30.—The democrats filibustering in the house to the end, and La Follette having led a record filibuster in the senate, the sixtieth congress adjourned for the session at 11:50 o'clock tonight. The last bills were signed by the president before 11 o'clock, and both houses, which had with difficulty maintained a quorum, scurried to their homes.

Washington, May 30.—Amid scenes of excitement well-nigh unparalleled in the senate chamber, the La Follette filibuster collapsed a little after 4 o'clock this afternoon, and the currency bill was passed by a vote of 43 to 22, four republican senators voting in the negative.

Washington, May 30.—Among the bills passed at today's session of the house were the following: Providing life-saving apparatus on the Farallon Islands, off California; granting pensions on the surviving officers and enlisted men of the Texas volunteers, and providing for compensation to government employes for injuries received while in the performance of their duties. Several pension bills also were passed.

Friday, May 29.

Washington, May 29.—It has been a long time since the senate has been tied up by a filibuster with such slender support as it was in evidence when La Follette undertook to defeat the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill by talking the night through. The report was brought up and La Follette took the floor. He insisted that a quorum should be maintained at all times, and up to 6 o'clock he had demanded 20 roll-calls. The senate was able to obtain more or less relaxation and at the same time keep the supporters of the bill in their seats. The heat was excessive, and many were very restless under this restraint.

On the 23d roll-call, at 7:15 P. M., upon motion of Stone, the absence of a quorum was developed and the sergeant-at-arms was directed to bring in absentees.

At 2 o'clock in the morning La Follette let it be known that he intended to speak until 8 or 9 A. M. Republican leaders say they will have a quorum from their own membership tomorrow, and that they will not be delayed by one or two men filibustering, if they have to keep congress in session indefinitely.

Thursday, May 28.

Washington, May 28.—The anticipated strenuous opposition to the adoption of the conference report on the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill in the senate, according to the inference to be drawn from the debate today, probably will not materialize. Aldrich kept the report before the senate until nearly 4 P. M., when he assented to its being laid aside until 11 o'clock tomorrow, and the remainder of the time today was devoted to the passage of unobjectionable house bills on the calendar. Every senator realized that the meaning of this move was that an understanding had been reached to vote on the bill tomorrow. Inquiry proved the existence of this understanding, although no positive agreement has been made. The indications are, therefore, that congress will adjourn sine die tomorrow or Saturday.

Washington, May 28.—While the senate was wrestling with the currency question, the business of the house today went merrily on. The following measures were passed: To establish two or more fish cultural stations on Puget Sound, Wash.; amending the laws of transportation between Hawaii and the United States by removing the penalty for carrying passengers from Hawaii to this country; providing for the entry of agricultural land in forest reserves; establishing an assay office at Salt Lake, Utah; incorporating the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and incorporating the Congressional Club, which is composed of wives and daughters of senators and representatives.

Wednesday, May 27.

Washington, May 27.—An emergency currency law is assured. The currency question held its place today as practically the only subject of consideration at both ends of the capitol, and when both houses adjourned the compromise bill, which was drafted by the republicans, had received the sanction of the house, and had been presented to the senate, where it was announced it would be taken up for consideration tomorrow and where, it will also be passed when the vote is reached.

Washington, May 27.—Aside from the currency bill the house today passed the following measures: Requiring greater space and better accommodations on steamships for steerage passengers; authorizing the sale of certain lands at the head of Cordova bay, Alaska, and granting relief to the Alaska Terminal & Navigation company; authorizing a survey of certain townships in Wyoming; granting to the interstate commerce commission additional authority in the matter of requiring reports of all accidents on interstate carriers.

The conference report on the omnibus lands bill and the senate amendments to the bill granting obsolete ordinance to various institutions and organizations also were agreed to.

Metcalf Files His Complaint.

Washington, June 4.—Secretary Metcalf's complaint, filed with the interstate commerce commission, alleges that the Adams, Northern Pacific and other express companies are gouging the government. It alleges the companies last July charged 40 cents per 100 too much on merchandise to the navy yard at Bremerton, Washington. The amount involved is \$1500. The complaint is a test case to determine the rate.

PUT MARINES ON GUARD.

Uncle Sam to be Sure of Fair Election in Panama.

Washington, June 1.—The Panama presidential campaign, which is to culminate in an election the first week in July, has recently developed "revolutionary tendencies" to such an extent as to cause grave concern and the serious intention to employ severe measures on the part of the American government to insure a fair and honest election, probably the first in the history of Central America. The 500 American marines stationed on the isthmus will be detailed to the election places. As some precincts will need no armed supervision, and others will need several troops, they will be distributed where they will do the most good.

The call for a personal report from Minister Squiers is the result, it is explained, of new developments. At the same time, Mr. Squiers may be asked to explain certain newspaper comments to the effect that he has allowed himself to become enthusiastic in favor of one of the candidates. Mr. Squiers will sail for the United States tomorrow.

INQUIRY TO CONTINUE.

Wood Pulp Committee to be Very Busy During Summer.

Washington, June 2.—The wood pulp and paper investigation committee of the house, which presented its preliminary report to that body several days ago, will continue its investigations during the recess of congress. It is the purpose of Chairman Mann to gather a great deal of statistical information of the census bureau and the Department of Commerce and Labor during the coming summer. Subcommittees will also be appointed to visit paper mills in different sections of the country and take testimony, and it is possible the full committee will hold a number of meetings.

It is also the desire of Chairman Mann to investigate thoroughly the pulp wood question, and if it is possible the committee will visit Canada for this purpose. Several letters have been sent to the publishers of newspapers who failed to answer the first letter sent by the committee asking for information, and also to paper manufacturers. These letters will be taken by an employe of the census bureau, and the information contained in them put into shape to be of the most benefit to the committee.

Hale Calculates Surplus.

Washington, June 2.—In presenting his statement of appropriations to the senate, Hale undertook to show that notwithstanding claims to the contrary the expenditure would be well within the revenues of the year.

The total estimated revenues are \$878,123,011, while he undertook to show that the expenditures for the next year would be nearly \$852,117,894, leaving a surplus of \$26,005,116. He arrived at this conclusion by deducting from the total appropriation of 1909 the amounts which have been appropriated to pay deficits, which, he said, should properly be charged to 1908, and the appropriation of \$29,187,000 made on account of the Panama Canal, which is made payable from the proceeds of the sale of bonds.

Hitchcock Starts for Chicago.

Washington, June 3.—Frank H. Hitchcock, one of the managers of the Taft campaign, will leave this city for Chicago tomorrow, where he will appear before the national committee in the interest of Secretary of War Taft during the consideration of contests for seats in the national convention. Mr. Hitchcock had a conference today with President Roosevelt at the White House, and later with Mr. Taft.

Mail Ocean Bill Very Much Alive.

Washington, June 2.—That the ocean mail bill, which passed the senate on March 20 without a division and later was sustained by the senate in the postoffice bill by a vote of 46 to 12, is not killed by the action of the house in failing to accept it on a narrow vote of 145 to 153, as the firm conviction of the friends of the measure. They believe that next December it will win by a decisive majority.

Selects Tokio Commission.

Washington, June 3.—Secretary Root has decided on the personnel of the commission to represent the United States at the Tokio exposition in 1912. The commissioners general will be Francis B. Loomis, former assistant secretary of state; Frederick J. V. Skiff, director of the Field museum, of Chicago, and United States judge for the district of Minnesota.

Bourne Going to Europe.

Washington, June 4.—Senator Bourne has informed some of his colleagues that he expects to sail for Europe in a short time to join his wife, who is completing a tour around the world. According to these senators, Bourne will sail before the Chicago convention. Several efforts made to locate Bourne and confirm the story were unavailing.

World Trip for Middies.

Washington, June 4.—Of two hundred members of the class at the Annapolis naval academy who will graduate next Friday, 111 have been ordered to report to the Atlantic fleet at San Francisco, July 1. The middies are jubilant over the prospect of the trip to the Far East and home again by way of Suez canal and the Atlantic ocean.

FLIES WITH OWN WINGS.

Frenchman Beats All Records With Aeroplane in Italy.

Rome, June 1.—Leo de la Grange, the French aeroplanist, made a new experiment with his aeroplane here this morning, which was so successful that it filled the spectators with admiration. He surpassed his own record by flying for 15 minutes and 30 seconds, only then coming down because he received a signal to do so, and also because the motor of his machine cannot hold sufficient gasoline to operate it much longer than that.

During that space of time M. de la Grange made nine and three-fourths rounds of an established course in the military field, namely six kilometers, a little over nine and nine-tenths of a mile, at a velocity of 60 kilometers, or 37.2 miles an hour.

The aeroplane was first pushed forward by M. de la Grange's associates, and as soon as the motor was put into action the machine rose without difficulty, keeping from seven to ten feet above the ground. It moved smoothly and turned easily, the rounds of the course following each other without interruption, and not once did the aeroplane touch the ground. It was a marvelous exhibition, which would have won De la Grange a prize of \$5000 had it occurred in France. It at least confirms his possession of the Archdeacon cup.

ROBBERS GET CASH.

Great Northern Passenger Train Held Up at Great Falls.

Butte, Mont., June 1.—A Miner special from Great Falls, Mont., says:

The north bound Great Northern passenger train was held up this evening about one mile and a half from this city by seven masked men at 12:30 o'clock, the train being run onto a siding by the robbers, who fired a fusillade of shots up and down the train. Wm. Dempsey, an Augusta rancher, was shot through the leg in attempting to escape from the train after it had stopped, and Conductor Hayes was compelled by the robbers to precede them in passing through the cars, he carrying a hat in which the passengers were invited to dump what cash they had about them. Most of them deposited from \$1 to \$10, and the booty of the desperadoes is not believed to be greater than several hundred dollars.

While the passengers were being robbed, several of the highwaymen stood guard at the doors of the cars to prevent the passengers from leaving.

The robbers finally jumped off the coaches and disappeared in the darkness. Rain is falling heavily, and the night is so dark that no trace of the robbers could be found, although posses were in pursuit within 20 minutes after the outlaws had left the train.

GOVERNMENT MAY SUE.

Great Area in Montana is Stripped Bare of Timber.

Butte, Mont., June 1.—A federal survey corps is engaged in running survey lines in the mountains near Philipsburg, Mont., to determine the amount of cordwood cut for the mines of Granite county, and the location of the ground from which the timber was taken. This wood was cut, it is claimed, from land belonging to the government, and it is intimated that suits may be begun to recover for about 700,000 cords of wood cut, approximating in value about \$1,000,000. The bulk of this wood was cut about 10 or 12 years ago, during the boom days of silver, and was used at the Bimetallic and Granite Mountain mines, owned by Charles D. McClure and his associates, of St. Louis, together with a few Montanans. The area of timber land stripped clean is 10 miles wide and 12 long.

Still Vigorous at 128.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—A veteran soldier, with the record of 80 years' military service, and whose age is declared to be 128, has been visiting St. Petersburg from the Tver district. This wonderful old man, Michael Budnikov, traveled to the capital to draw a prize of \$2500 in the lottery, and the czar had him at Czarskoe Selo as a feature of the festivities for the Swedish royal wedding.

Budnikov, whose breast is adorned with many medals for bravery and distinguished service, joined the Russian army in 1797.

Kill Women and Children.

Athens, June 1.—A body of panic-stricken refugees from Samos, who have arrived here, report that eighty women and children were slain by Turkish troops during the first day's fighting at Vathy, capital of the island. They declare also that the troops fired persistently on the foreign consulates. The refugees are all Greeks, and, as they have inborn hatred of the Turk, their statements are accepted here with considerable reserve.

Cholera is Spreading.

Manila, June 1.—The cholera at Dagupan, 120 miles from Manila, is worse. Twenty-nine deaths are today reported, due to eating infected foods. The people are loath to clean up their surroundings, despite strenuous efforts on the part of the Bureau of health.