

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.

Roosevelt and Pinchot spent an entire day together at Porto Maurizio, Italy.

Colorado cattlemen threaten war if Utah shepherds invade their grazing grounds.

Governor Hughes, of New York, calls for an immediate investigation into corrupt legislative practices.

A Seattle man, as a memorial to his dead son, has given \$100,000 in land and cash to establish a sanitarium to fight tuberculosis.

The Supreme court of the United States has ordered a rehearing of the cases against the Standard Oil and Tobacco trusts, on account of the death of Chief Justice Brewer.

It is planned to have the face and figure of the late Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado "silver king," carved in heroic size on the face of an immense cliff which overlooks the famous Camp Bird mine at Ouray. The mine laid the foundation of the Walsh fortune.

A New York man snubbed his toe against a small oblong package in front of a Sixth avenue jewelry shop and on opening it, found a \$10,000 diamond necklace. He read the advertisements and received from the owner just half its value as a reward for his honesty.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., will leave his work in the carpet factory at Thompsonville on June 1 to prepare for his marriage to Miss Eleanor Alexander, in New York City on June 20. Young Roosevelt is now doing executive work in the main office of the factory. Following his marriage he will become district manager for the company at its San Francisco headquarters.

Premier Asquith dreads to involve the king in the Irish controversy.

Eleven sections of fine fruit land in Eastern Oregon will soon be opened to entry.

Attacks of the ship subsidy lobby are resented warmly by members of the house committee.

The incident between Roosevelt and the Vatican at Rome may cause the removal of the papal secretary, Merry de Val.

Dr. Hollis B. Frissell, of the Rockefeller Sanitary commission, says hookworm infection is spread largely by Southern people going barefooted.

A duel between ex-Fremont Count Witte and General Kuropatkin, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the war with Japan, has been averted through an explanation by the avenger.

Smugglers of Chinese and opium have been driven out of Southern California and are believed to have transferred their operations to Northwest coast cities.

Miss Anna Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, attracted much attention at Pasadena by going for a three-hour cross-country horseback ride arrayed in a "pants suit" riding habit.

D. C. Jacklin, a Salt Lake millionaire, has bought E. H. Harriman's Park Lodge property on Klammath lake, Oregon. He will carry out the plans of Harriman for making a summer resort of the place.

After being whirled down Hat creek in a small skiff, G. Magerstadt was carried over Hat creek falls, in California, and dashed into the foaming waters 60 feet below. The boat was dashed to pieces on the rocks and Magerstadt managed to grab a boulder, from which he was soon rescued.

Where and when the Pittsburg graft probe is "contingent," to quote District Attorney Blakely, on developments, Mr. Blakely has spread his net and is waiting for more men to "come in and confess," as a result of the intimations contained in the grand jury presentment.

Harry Thaw's mother, though aged and worn, still continues her fight for her wayward son.

Chicago police will exercise strict censorship over bathing costumes worn at lake beaches this season.

Rural carriers at Walla Walla are quitting because of the small pay, and no one seems to want the places.

New York saloons sell wood alcohol, and four persons who drank it died, while several others are totally blind.

Two men raced on horseback 100 miles for the opportunity of filing a contest on an Eastern Washington homestead.

A 14-year-old school boy in Pittsburg, dependent at his playmates' jibes because he was slow in his studies, hung himself.

Two brothers in partnership in the real estate brokerage business in St. Louis, committed suicide because of business reverses.

Miss Nellie Anshuter, one of the family of millionaires in St. Louis, is fighting a dentist bill which amounts to \$25 an hour.

The managers of the Northwestern and Western railroads are jubilant over the spring movement of colonists into all the territory west of the Rocky mountains from the Canadian border to the Mexican line. Although official figures have not been prepared regarding the movement of people seeking homes in a new country, it is confidently stated that the number will exceed that of last year, when all records were broken.

The report that Hetty Green is seriously ill is denied absolutely by her son.

SMUGGLERS MOVING NORTH.

Men Who Bring Chinese and Opium Are Hard Pressed.

Los Angeles, April 11.—Driven from Los Angeles by the activity of Federal agents, aided by the local authorities, the band of opium and Chinese smugglers that has been operating along the Pacific coast and the Mexican border has transferred its scene of operations to the Northern ports in Washington and Oregon. According to Deputy United States Marshal Durlin, who has had a large part in the two years' warfare on this particular breed of lawbreakers, the headquarters of the band has been transferred to Seattle, with branches at Portland, Tacoma and Spokane. At the latter place arrangements are made for disposing of the contraband Chinese and opium that is successfully brought in by Pacific liners and across the Canadian border.

"Chick" Wallace, the leader of the band, is now in the northern cities arranging for the disposition of the smuggled Chinese and opium. He is the brains of the band, and is the only prominent one of the original gang that has escaped arrest by the Federal authorities. Three of his confederates, including Larson Gonzalez, next to Wallace the cleverest of all, are in jail in this city, held as Federal prisoners. Gonzalez was captured last week in San Diego, after a six weeks' campaign directed against him.

"I have had a warrant for the arrest of this man for nearly two months," said Durlin, after the capture. "He is one of the craftiest men I have had to deal with for a long time. As soon as we aimed our shafts at him in particular, he apparently went into seclusion somewhere in Mexico. According to my information he was interested mainly in landing contraband Chinese men at the Mexican ports and looking after their safe transportation across the line at Nogales and El Paso.

AERIAL PLEASURE TRIPS FOR TOURISTS

Berlin, April 11.—American tourists soon will come to regard an airship tour as one of the regular features of a program of summer travel in Europe, as the expectations of the founders of the new Hamburg airship lines are realized. The promoters of the enterprise recognize that the financial prospects of the venture can be improved greatly if proper efforts are made to interest Americans. Aerial excursions are to be arranged, therefore, with a special view of capturing the custom of travelers from the United States. One of the German steamship companies is contributing to the support of the enterprise on that understanding.

The new aerial liners will have cabins holding 20 persons each, and the rooms will be equipped in luxurious style. According to the computation of Professor Hergesell, the aeronaut, the fares, owing to the low cost of construction and operation, can be lower than has heretofore been supposed. It is estimated, for example, that a trip from Hamburg to Heligoland can be made for 100 marks (\$26), and passengers can travel an entire day, going as far as Berlin or Copenhagen.

SPOKANE TRAINS COLLIDE.

Block Signals Misunderstood—Thirty Injured, Many Seriously.

Spokane, Wash., April 11.—A misunderstanding of block signals resulted in a head-on collision of passenger trains Nos. 2 and 3 on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad a mile west of Spokane Saturday night at 9:18 o'clock.

About 30 persons were injured, and it is expected that several will die. The accident occurred on a high trestle over Hangman creek, on the Northern Pacific track, which is used by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle for several miles west of Spokane.

At the time of the collision, according to the stories of trainmen and passengers, train No. 2 was at a standstill, ready to back up, when No. 3, running at a slow rate of speed, crashed head-on into No. 2, the force of the impact smashing in the smoking car on No. 2, occupied by a party of Italian laborers, where the most of the injuries occurred.

Garden Hides Bad Money Plant.

Yonkers, N. Y., April 11.—Secret service men who have been at work in this section for some weeks past have unearthed a "rich counterfeiter's" cache on a farm near Highlands, N. Y. The stuff, which was found buried several feet beneath the surface of a vegetable garden, includes several thousand sheets of paper in which the silk threads of government paper are cleverly imitated; a dozen boxes of blue and red ink, and an old printing press and enough cartridges to destroy a small army. No plates were found.

Glass Must Cover Food.

Indianapolis, April 11.—No more shall the rich, red rounds of beef and the choice cuts of porterhouse and tenderloin hang from their accustomed hooks on the walls or in the windows of the butcher's shop, and never again shall arrays of seductive pies, rolls and bread be openly displayed at the bakeries in the cities and towns of Indiana, according to an order promulgated today by the state board of health. The board says a prime cause of the spread of sickness has been contamination of fish, meats and foodstuffs.

Bribe Offered Striker?

Watertown, N. Y., April 11.—President J. T. Carey, of the International Brotherhood of Pulp and Paper Makers, today declared that a man giving the name of William Pritchard, and saying he was a member of the brokerage firm of Hamlin & Pritchard, of St. Louis, in the alleged interest of the International Paper company, had been following him for the last week, offering him a \$25,000 bribe if he would call off the paper makers' strike.

Fund to Fight Sleeping Sickness.

Brussels, April 11.—King Albert has decided to give \$200,000 for a campaign against sleeping sickness, \$100,000 to build hospitals in the Belgian Congo, \$100,000 for a pension fund for Congo civil servants, and \$10,000 for a fund for the assistance of their families.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

MAY WATER 3,000 ACRES.

Owners Plan to Build Dam and Reclaim Valuable Land.

Condon.—Although Gilliam county has been considered entirely a dry farming country, steps are now being taken to put upwards of 3,000 acres of splendid land under irrigation. This land is in the Rock creek valley and is small but unsatisfactory way. It has already proved extremely valuable for raising alfalfa and fruit, but, owing to the fact that Rock creek goes dry each year, the farmers feel that a more extensive and reliable system is necessary.

An excellent site for a dam will be secured at Devil's Gate, where practically perpendicular rock walls 150 feet high stand close enough for a dam to be constructed easily. The area of the basin is sufficient to irrigate thousands of acres throughout the dry season.

At a mass meeting of the Rock creek residents held in Condon a committee was appointed to perfect an organization to carry out this project and to inquire into its feasibility. An engineer will examine the site and reports will be made at a future meeting.

The project will cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000, which will be raised by issuing 10-year bonds and assessing the land improved. It will mean a cost of practically \$20 an acre but will enhance the value of the land many times that amount.

ELECTRIC LINES FOR LANE.

Will Connect Eugene, Springfield, Siuslaw and McKinzie Valley.

Eugene.—Chief Engineer Fornert, of the Lane County Asset company, of this city, which announces that it will build a system of electric railroads in this vicinity, including a line between Eugene and Springfield, one to Siuslaw and perhaps to Coos bay, also up the McKenzie valley, has begun the work of surveying for the line between the two cities. The line will extend east on West Fifteenth street through the suburb of Fairmont to the city limits, then turn north to the river, which will be spanned with a first class double track steel bridge. The road will then make a circle to the north and east and enter Springfield by way of its northern limits, passing through a thickly settled farming community.

F. B. Kidder and John Baird, railroad men of experience, who resigned positions with the Minneapolis Rapid transit company, of Minneapolis, Minn., to promote this system of roads, are directing operations and they claim to have the best of backing. Engineer Fornert also resigned as chief engineer of the same company to accept this position. They promise that work on the bridge will begin this summer and that the line will be in operation between the two cities early next year.

Masons Dedicate Temple April 20.

Roseburg.—The Masonic temple will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies April 20. The dedicatory ceremonies will be conducted by the officers of the grand lodge of Oregon. Owing to the large membership of the order in the state, it has made it necessary for the local lodge to limit invitations. Between 500 and 600 Masons and their wives and members of the various Eastern Star lodges are expected to be present. Invitations will be extended to every lodge of Masons and Eastern Star in the county, as well as to the lodges of Grants Pass and Eugene.

Ice Plant at Eugene.

Eugene.—The Weinhard estate has purchased the Eugene vinegar factory, and will at once install a large and up to date ice manufacturing plant. The price paid for the property is \$6,500. The lot has a frontage of 160 feet on the railroad tracks, and is approximately 100 feet deep, although it is irregular, varying at one end from less than 100 feet to over 100 feet at the other. An ice plant of 25 tons capacity will be installed at once. In connection with the new ice plant, the estate will install a cold storage plant.

Building Boom at Lebanon.

Lebanon.—The year closing April 1 marked the greatest epoch in the history of Lebanon. The year has witnessed the greatest building activity, there having been completed about 70 dwellings. The coming summer will see greater things even than the past has seen. There are now assured five business houses, a \$12,000 city hall, a concrete laundry building and a large sawmill soon to be in operation. There are rumors of other enterprises.

Gravel Famine Ends at Albany.

Albany.—Councilman Miller has secured permission from United States Chief Engineer McAduo to take gravel from the bed of the river at Albany. The government had previously forbidden the taking of gravel from the river bed, which made it extremely difficult for local contractors to obtain concrete building material.

Lebanon is Growing.

Lebanon.—The Lebanon postoffice made a fine showing for the past year. The increase of the business over the preceding year was 34.4 per cent. The heavy increase was made mostly during the last six months of the year. March of this year was just 47.1 per cent greater than for March of last year.

Big Vessel Will Be Built.

Marshfield.—The Simpson Lumber company, of North Bend, has announced that it will build a big new vessel for carrying lumber from the Simpson mills. She will be one of the best lumber carriers in the coastwise trade, and will have a capacity of 1,000,000 ft. st.

School Population Increases.

The Dalles.—The last monthly report of the city superintendent of schools showed the total enrollment for the past month to have been 965, an increase of 48 over a number enrolled for the same month last year.

Hood River Apple Land Sets New High Record Sale.

Hood River.—The prediction that Oregon orchard land would sell for better than \$2,000 an acre this year came sooner than was expected here, when Rede S. Delano, an Eastern man, paid \$14,400 for six and one-half acres of 8-year-old trees.

The price per acre is a little better than \$2,200, and reaches a mark \$300 higher than the best previous price, which was obtained a week or two ago, when ten acres here were sold for \$19,000. The orchard was purchased through B. E. Duncan & Co. from Dr. Stanton Allen, a retired physician, who came here several years ago and went into apple growing. The land is situated on the east side of the valley. In addition to buying the acreage of bearing orchard, Mr. Delano bought seven acres of brush land adjoining, for which he paid \$528 an acre. This is also the record price for unimproved land at Hood River. His total investment for the 13 acres is \$18,000. Dr. Allen still has 15 acres of bearing orchard which he will retain.

BIG DITCH CHANGES HANDS.

Deal Means Irrigation of Thousands of Acres of Rich Land.

Baker City.—One of the most important irrigation deals in Eastern Oregon was closed when the Eastern Oregon Land company, which is controlled by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., completed the deal for the purchase of a one-half interest in the Eldorado ditch. The property was bought through John Thomsen, formerly owner of the Red Bay mine, who held an option from the First National bank of Carroll, Iowa, owner of the property. The price paid was \$12,500.

State Senator Hart, who conducted the negotiations for the land company, announced that they would use the water in irrigating several thousand acres of land in Malheur county, of which they have recently secured control. It is also probable that some water may be sold to ranchers along the line, as they have been depending on the water for some time. The wheat yield of Eastern Oregon will be increased several thousand bushels by this deal.

Build Model Road in Lane.

Eugene.—The work of building the model road between Eugene and Springfield has begun. John McElroy, the expert road builder from Portland, has a force of men at work at the west approach of the wagon bridge across the river from Springfield. After that is finished the crew will work toward Eugene and it is expected that the work will be completed early in the summer. Special attention will be given to the construction of the road along the places where the river overflows in the winter time.

May Be Starting on Oregon Eastern.

Ontario.—Healan Bros. have a contract on the Brogan reservation on lower Willow creek, and indications confirm the persistent report that they are to work on the Oregon Eastern line. Healan's outfit was taken to Vale by a special immediately on its arrival here. The heavy outfit resembles railroad graders instead of ditch builders, and 150 teams are included.

R. R. Surveyors Toward Coast.

Eugene.—People living near the summit of the Cascade mountains report that a party of Hill railroad surveyors have crossed the summit of the mountains by way of the McKenzie pass, working toward Eugene. It is believed that they are making the preliminary survey for a railroad to be built by Hill, connecting the Willamette valley and Coos bay with the Oregon Trunk via Eugene.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices—Bluestem, 96 @99c; club, 93@95c; red Russian, 92c @95c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$24.50@26 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$34; cracked, \$35 ton.

Hay—Track prices—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$16.50@17.50; grain hay, \$17@18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28.50 per ton.

Fruit—Apples, \$1@2.50 box; cranberries, \$8@9 barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 50c@60c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 34c@4c.

Vegetables—Asparagus, 3@8c; head lettuce, 75c@1.25 per dozen; hot house lettuce, 50c@1 box; horseradish, 8@10c per pound; green onions, 15c @20c; radishes, 30c dozen; rhubarb, 3@4c per pound; spinach, \$1 per box; sprouts, 9c per pound; turnips, \$1 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, 85c@1; beets, \$1@1.25; parsnips, 50 @75c.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.75 per hundred.

Butter—City creamery extras, 33c; fancy outside creamery, 32c@33c per pound; store, 26c. Butter fat prices average 14c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 25@26c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 12@13c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12@12c per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 15@16c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 19@20c; broilers, 27@28c; ducks, 22@23c; geese, 12c @13c; turkeys, 20@25c; dressed, 25c @27c.

Cattle—Best steers, \$7@7.50; fair to good steers, \$6@6.25; strictly good cows, \$5.75@6; fair to good cows, \$5 @5.50; light calves, \$6@7; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$4@5.25; stags, \$4.50@5.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$7.75@8.90; fair to good wethers, \$7@7.50; good lambs, \$8@12.

Hogs—Top, \$11.10@11.25; fair to good, \$10@11.

Hops—1909 crop, 16@18c, according to quality; old, nominal; 1910 contract, 15@16c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14@17c per pound; valley, \$6@15; mohair, choice, \$7@28c.

SENTIMENTAL TRIP CUT SHORT

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Showed With Flags and Flowers.

Genoa, Italy, April 9.—Though "deighted" to an unusual degree, but in mind and spirit much perturbed, because of ovations along his carriage jaunt to this city, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt and wife were compelled to call a halt today to their sentimental tour.

At every village or crossroads they were met by men, women and children, the former with flags and the latter with bouquets.

As an instance of the demonstrations accorded them, 600 persons, many of them Americans, acclaimed Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt with vivas and hurrahs after they left Rapallo, where they had luncheon today. This was the climax of their embarrassments and Colonel Roosevelt gave orders to be driven direct to Genoa.

The people and press of Genoa have manifested the most intense interest in the movements of Colonel Roosevelt. His second and honeymoon journey stirred their romantic natures to a high pitch, and when the news spread today of his coming, a big crowd hurried to the modest Hotel Britannia, where he had engaged quarters, and with cheering and waving of hats greeted Roosevelt's carriage as it rattled up the stony street to the accompaniment of the driver's wildly cracking whip.

Both Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt were smiling when they descended from the carriage at the hotel entrance. They said they had enjoyed the trip hugely and were sorry only that the failure to observe their incognito by the people had compelled them to cut it short. Colonel Roosevelt said he had a "bully time" Thursday, when he and Mrs. Roosevelt drove along the sunny slopes of the Ligurian Alps from Spezia to Rapallo.

Half an hour after the arrival of Colonel Roosevelt, the prefect and the mayor of Genoa called on him and greeted him in the name of the city.

Colonel Roosevelt relates an amusing incident of the trip. When he and Mrs. Roosevelt reached the top of the pass at Sestri Levante, where they stopped last night, the enterprising proprietor of a tavern—a rival to the one in which they had engaged rooms—sent out couriers in advance bearing American and Italian flags and triumphantly escorted Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt to his own hotel.

WILSON IS SCORED.

Professor Hopkins Says Farmers are Wearing Out Land.

Chicago, April 9.—Characterizing the teachings of Secretary James Wilson as "damnable, abominable and disgraceful," Professor Cyril G. Hopkins, of the University of Illinois, delivered a stinging criticism of the department of agriculture here today in an address at the city club. Here are some quotations from Secretary Wilson cited by Professor Hopkins as "abominable falsehoods":

"Practically all soils contain sufficient plant food for yields; this supply will be indefinitely maintained."

"So far as the present outlook is concerned, the nation possesses ample resources in its soil for any conceivable increase in population for several centuries."

"The soil is the one indestructible, immutable asset that the nation possesses. It is the one resource that cannot be exhausted; that cannot be used up."

"From the modern conception of the nature and purposes of the soil, it is evident that it cannot wear out, that so far as the mineral food is concerned, it will continue automatically to supply adequate quantities of plant foods for crops."

"As a national asset, the soil is safe as a means of feeding mankind for untold ages to come."

After he had cited these quotations, Professor Hopkins said:

"Can you blame farmers for continuing to wear out their lands when these are the teachings promulgated from the highest authority in the United States? And these false teachings are all the more damnable because the common soil type on the abandoned farms in Maryland, only a few miles from Washington, contain only 169 pounds of phosphorus in the plowed soil of an acre, while the richest black prairie soil of Illinois, with a value of \$200 an acre contains more than 2,900 pounds of phosphorus in the stratum."

Miss Gould to Get Home.

New York, April 9.—According to friends of the family a house on upper Fifth avenue will be the gift of George J. Gould to his daughter, Marjorie, when she is married to Anthony J. Drewel, Jr., April 19.

This partial property, which is between Eighty-second and Eighty-third streets, was purchased by Mr. Gould today, at a price said to have been between \$350,000 and \$400,000. With the furnishings, which it is said Mr. Gould intends to install, the gift will represent an outlay of \$500,000.

Theater Scene of Panic.

New York, April 9.—Panic broke out among 1,000 spectators at the Alhambra theater, in Harlem, tonight, when a gasoline tank of a motorcycle ridden by a young woman on the stage exploded and sheets of flames curtained the space around the track. Instantly the spectators rushed shrieking to the doors. The firemen on duty ordered the asbestos curtain down and with the fire shut off from view the audience grew more reasonable and the police in the house were able to control the pressure at the exits.

Girls Dance: Fire Fatal.

New York, April 9.—Miss Susan Lustgarten was fatally burned tonight at a dance given by the students of Adelphi college, Brooklyn. The accident occurred during a fancy dance, known as the "ghost dance," in which a purple light was provided by burning alcohol in a large metal dish. Sixty girls, dressed in flowing robes, danced about the flames. Miss Lustgarten was replenishing the alcohol when the explosion occurred.

Submarine Lowers Mark.

Cherbourg, April 9.—The Ventose, a submarine, today established a record by navigating at the depth of 113 feet for 24 minutes.

ROUGH ROAD FOR CONSERVATION

Hope for Compromise, but House Is Badly Divided.

Great Diversity of Opinion Among Legislators as to Kind of Legislation Needed.

Washington, April 12.—President Taft's conservation legislation has a rough road to travel.

Very little has been accomplished so far, and as the session advances, the prospects for favorable action steadily diminish. What the ultimate outcome will be no one seems competent to say; not even the "most earnest friends of the administration measures."

One reason for the uncertainty is the great diversity of opinion among senators and representatives as to the kind of conservation legislation that should be enacted. There are radicals in sympathy with Pinchot; there are radicals of the other type who would make absolutely no changes in the present laws, and between the extremes are men who hold all manner of views. All efforts thus far to compromise have met with failure.

The senate will probably take the lead in passing conservation bills, because there is a manifest desire on the part of the senate public lands committee to get together and put through those bills upon which compromises can be reached. It is true that only three bills have thus far been compromised, if the \$30,000,000 irrigation certificate bill is eliminated, but as opportunity is offered, these three bills will probably be given consideration, and the indications are that they will pass the senate in some form or other.

The bills referred to are those regulating the development and use of water power, permitting prospecting on oil and gas lands, and authorizing the withdrawal of lands for public purposes. There is objection to all these bills, it is true, and it is believed that some changes may be made before the bills pass the senate, but the expectation is that the main features of all will be preserved.

The power bill, which proposes to confer absolutely upon the states the control of water power within their borders, will be opposed by the followers of Pinchot, who stand out for Federal control and regulation, but it is not believed they are strong enough to change the general character of the pending measure.

The oil and gas land bill will meet with objections from senators who are not favorable to the present system of withdrawing such lands from entry, and regulating their development under government supervision. There will be greater difficulty reaching an agreement on the withdrawal bill than on the others, because there is great diversity of opinion as to how far the power of withdrawal should go.

More Dead Found in Cherry Mine.

Cherry, Ill., April 12.—"All alive 2 p. m. November 14."

This message from the St. Paul coal mine was brought to light today with the recovery of 31 more bodies entombed since the disaster of November 13. The bodies were taken from the lower level, 300 feet below ground. The men had retreated to a space 20 feet square and had constructed a rude fan of boards to keep the air circulating.

On the fan in big letters were chalked the words quoted above, indicating the men had lived at least until the day after the fire. That the miners were in the habit of keeping their savings on their persons was shown by the amount of money found on the bodies. One miner had in his belt \$1,400.

The belt of another miner was found \$190, and another had \$172. The men were foreigners and evidently preferred to carry their money in their clothing to depositing it in banks.

Peruvian Consul Quits Post.

Guayaquil, April 7.—The Peruvian consul left here tonight for Callao. The American consul has taken charge of all dispatches. In the face of popular excitement and rioting it was officially announced today that Ecuador and Peru would endeavor to settle their boundary dispute directly at Washington. Ecuador's special envoy is Clemente Ponce, and he will proceed to the American capital. The military forces of Ecuador are under arms.

No Law to Punish Jap Spies.

Manila, April 7.—Much indignation has been aroused by the release of the two Japanese who were arrested here a few days ago on the charge of being spies. They were given their liberty on cable instructions from Washington. Owing to the fact that there is no provision in the Philippine military code governing the trial of spies of a nation not at war with the United States, the alleged spies were turned over to the civil laws likewise showed that the statutes were inadequate.

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