

# EUGENE CITY GUARD.

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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

An interesting collection of items from the two hemispheres presented in a condensed form.

A bill has been introduced in the New York legislature providing for the placing of all the newspapers in the state under the censorship or supervision of state authorities.

Captain-General Weyler's latest edict is said to be an order that all women arrested in Cuba as "suspects" shall be tried by court-martial. Weyler says that women are harder to subdue than men, and that if he had his way he would kill them first and try them afterward.

Agent Randlett, of the Uintah and Ouray Indian agency, telegraphed Washington authorities there were fifteen men who had made locations on the lands of the Uncompaghe reserve; that they had refused to leave and that there would be trouble unless troops were sent to eject them.

The expense of the Oregon Soldiers' Home for February was \$1,038, as shown by bills audited by the executive committee. The board estimates the government fund will keep the house six months. The terms of Galloway, Robertson and Rust, as trustees, have expired, and their successors will be appointed soon.

Mrs. Thomas Driscoll attempted suicide at Heppner. She first tried to take carbolic acid, but was prevented by her husband, and roughly afterwards took a quantity of roach rats. A physician was immediately summoned, and, by a vigorous use of the stomach pump, her life was saved. Domestic troubles are said to be the cause.

A Swedish officer committed suicide at the Astor house, New York city, under remarkably sensational conditions. He shot himself while detectives were breaking into his room to arrest him for embezzlement. His assumed name was G. Anderson, and his real name was Gustav Rinnblad. He was married and came from a good family. He was paymaster of a battalion of the Swedish army.

Greece has replied to the identical note of the powers and it is regarded as of a most favorable nature. It is believed the crisis will soon be past, as the Greek note at least furnishes a basis upon which a compromise satisfactory to all concerned can be speedily reached.

Thomas Condit, of Beloit, Wis., died, aged 90 years. From 1836 to 1856 he was missionary to the Hawaiian islands. He was the last of a company of thirty missionaries who left for the islands in 1820. He was the first white person the natives of Maui island ever saw.

The well-known pioneer and historian, Hon. Nineveh Ford, died in Walla Walla last week. The cause of his death was old age. He was 81 years and 8 months old. He was the first wagon to drive into the Grande Ronde, and the second across the Rockies.

At a St. Patrick's day convention, held in San Francisco last night, resolutions were passed urging all true Irishmen to unite in discountenancing the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, which will take place at Carson on the day made sacred to the memory of Ireland's patron saint.

The navy department has issued advertisements calling for over 8,000 tons of Harveyized steel armor for three battle-ships now building. The law fixes the maximum price to be paid at \$300 per ton, and the officials of the department are now sanguine of returns to their advertisements.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died at her home in Stamford, Conn., on the tenth anniversary of the death of her famous husband, and she was 85 years of age. Mrs. Beecher passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children and friends. Her life had been a life of devotedness for several weeks preceding her demise.

Representative Kruse, of Clackamas county, died at the hospital in Salem, where he went to attend the session of the late attempted legislature. He had been confined to his bed with typhoid fever for three weeks. Representative Kruse was sent to the legislature by the Populist party, and was a member of the Davis house.

Joseph N. Dolph, ex-United States senator from Oregon, passed away at his residence in Portland. His left leg was amputated about four inches above the knee—a heroic course that offers the only possibility of saving his life from blood poisoning from a gangrened sore in his left foot. Owing to his advanced years, the shock proved too great and he lived but a short while.

From Havana comes word that the Santa Clara court having jurisdiction of the charges against Sylvester Scovel, the New York World correspondent who was arrested in the early part of February, while traveling in a train between Tunas and Sancti Spiritus, has rendered a decision releasing him from custody. Mr. Scovel is now at liberty.

John Iles committed suicide at Summit, twenty miles west of Olympia, by drinking laudanum. He had been subject to insane spells. The body was found in a shack near the camp where he had been working.

The report that Japan had gone to the gold standard is now said to have been premature. A bill has been introduced into the diet providing for a change from the silver to the gold standard, but no action upon it has as yet been taken.

It has been announced that St. Gauden's equestrian statue of John A. Logan, in the Lake Front Park, Chicago, will be unveiled July 23. The work of the sculptor is now being done in bronze in New York, and in a few days the South Park commission will begin to build the foundation upon which the immense figure will rest. The date for the unveiling of the statue has been selected by Mrs. Logan in commemoration of the day when General Logan took command of General McPherson's corps before Atlanta, after the death of General McPherson.

## ON THE WAY TO ALASKA.

Al-Ki Left Townsend Crowded to the Guards.

Port Townsend, Wash., March 15.—The steamer Al-Ki sailed this morning for Alaska with 245 Yukon prospectors, 90 dogs for sledging and 30 packhorses. The using of the packhorses over the divide to the Yukon country has never before been tried, and old miners who have repeatedly made the trip are of the opinion that horses cannot be of any service.

The Al-Ki was so crowded with prospectors and their outfits that she was forced to leave 600 tons of freight on the wharf here. Never before, at any season, has the rush to Alaska been so great.

The steamers Willapa and City of Topeka both arrived this morning from Alaska with a few passengers and a little freight. Just now nearly everything is going in and almost nothing coming from Alaska. Among the Topeka's passengers was C. S. Johnson, ex-United States district attorney for Alaska, who is on his way to Washington to ask President McKinley to appoint him governor of the district. He goes well recommended.

Will Meet at Ellensburg.

Olympia, Wash., March 15.—State Superintendent Brown has designated Tuesday, April 27, as the day for holding the regular biennial convention of county superintendents. This convention, which is required by law, will convene at Ellensburg. Each county superintendent will come prepared to discuss any question, which, in his opinion, concerns the administration of his office and the welfare of the public schools of the state.

The state board of education will also meet at Ellensburg on Saturday, April 24, to outline plans for reading-circle work and to make necessary regulations for examinations according to the recent laws of the state.

Patent Convention With Japan.

Washington, March 15.—In response to very many inquiries that are being received at the state department from American manufacturers who are contemplating the introduction of their wares, now protected by patents, into Japan, a notice has been prepared stating that the president has proclaimed the patent convention recently negotiated with Japan, the exchange of ratifications having taken place at Tokyo on the 8th ultimo. Consequently, the convention goes into immediate operation and it is now possible for Americans to patent their inventions in Japan in conformity with the provisions of their law.

Floods on the Mississippi.

Memphis, Tenn., March 15.—The "Father of Waters" continues booming. The levee on the Neely cotton plantation, ten miles above here, has failed to resist the powerful current. At Memphis 1,000 acres and the bar is completely under water.

Two great side-wheelers, capable of carrying a thousand passengers each, this afternoon issued a notice of excursions into Eastern Arkansas, giving a view of the overflooded country and submerged plantations. This means a trip fifty miles due west from Memphis, through the tops of trees and over cabins, farms and small villages. Past high water has offered no such opportunity.

Not the Original John L.

St. John, N. B., March 15.—John L. Sullivan was hanged today at Dorchester, N. B. His crime was the murder of Mrs. Eliza Ditcher and son, 6 years old, at Meadowbrook, on the night of September 11, 1896. Mrs. Ditcher kept a small tavern. Sullivan entered for the purpose of robbery. Mrs. Ditcher made an outcry, and the robber killed her with an ax. He then assaulted the children, killing the boy and badly injuring the girl. Sullivan fired the house and fled. Neighbors rescued the little girl. The charred remains of the other two were found in the ruins.

Epidemic of Epidemics.

Denver, Colo., March 15.—A special to the News from the City of Mexico says: The republic of Mexico appears to be having an epidemic of epidemics. Three have already been reported, which are carrying off hundreds of people, in various parts of the country, and now comes news of two more. At Japan, in the state of Vera Cruz, an epidemic of scarlet fever is raging to such an extent that the people are fleeing for safety, while in the same vicinity an epidemic of typhoid fever, which has much resemblance to yellow fever, has broken out in a most virulent form. Reports from several Gulf cities say a similar disease prevails there, and the physicians predict an epidemic of yellow fever, as they say this is always a forerunner of that disease.

A Robber's Heavy Sentence.

White Plains, N. Y., March 15.—For robbing a man of 40 cents William Jeffrey was taken to Sing Sing to serve a sentence of twenty years' imprisonment, imposed upon him by County Judge Lent. Jeffrey was in Peekskill a month ago, and while in a restaurant assaulted J. H. Harrison for the purpose of robbery. Jeffrey, who is a powerful man, choked his victim and robbed him of 40 cents.

A Virginia woman named Susan Smith has been elected sheriff.

Walling Repealed.

Frankfort, Ky., March 15.—It is officially announced that Governor Bradley has refused Scott Jackson's appeal for executive clemency, and unofficially announced that he has revived Alonzo Walling to some unknown date. Walling's attorney, Colonel Washington, is confident Walling will not be executed with Jackson.

Laureate Austin never reads the papers and knows nothing of the criticism heaped upon him.

On an Ice Floe.

Bay City, Mich., March 15.—An immense ice floe containing all the solid ice in Saginaw bay went out this morning, carrying over 200 fishermen. A strong southwest wind was blowing. The ice floated off in three floes. When the first struck Lone Tree and Madison island the men on it were rescued from shore. The second floe with some thirty men upon it, also drifted near the islands, and it is reported that it will melt if not all, the men got ashore. It was stated later tonight that three of the Bay City fishermen were carried into the lake, but this is not verified.

## ALL IN THE SAME BOAT

Will Not Recognize Claims of Any Commission.

BOLD STAND TAKEN BY KINCAID

If the Secretary Be Sustained in His Position, Much Money Would Be Saved the State.

Salem, Or., March 15.—Secretary of State Kincaid today addressed a letter to Hollister D. McGuire, state fish and game warden, that should set at rest all questions as to how claims against the state by the various commissions, normal schools, charitable homes, etc., will be treated by the secretary of state. Mr. McGuire asked what form of claim he should file for services and expenses, and if he might not obtain a certificate for moneys actually paid out for the hire of patrol boats and other necessary expenses.

Answering, the secretary of state said:

"I decline to file or recognize in any way claims against the state by the various commissions, normal schools, charitable homes, etc. They depend upon appropriations of the legislature for what they receive, and when there is no appropriation they have no valid claims against the state, and will not have any until an appropriation is made for their benefit. In the case of those claiming to be commissioners there is also doubt as to whether they are legally in office. They can present their claims to the legislature, if they think they have any, but they cannot file them in this office nor receive any certificate or other recognition of claims against the state without a mandate of the court."

Here are some of the institutions affected by this ruling, and the minimum that the state would save during the biennial term, if the secretary is sustained:

Normal schools.....	\$30,000
Charitable homes.....	20,000
Print commissions and clerks.....	2,000
Fish and game protector.....	5,000
Pauper and food commissioner.....	20,000
Salineed commissions.....	20,000
Domestic animal commission.....	8,000
Agricultural college.....	7,000
Total.....	\$111,000

This does not include the deficiencies and appropriation for repairs, improvements and incidentals that these items usually carry with them. Including these extras, the amount of the above appropriations is approximately \$130,000.

THE LIMIT OF DEBT.

Expenses County Must Incur Not Exceed Therein.

Olympia, Wash., March 15.—The supreme court today reversed the judgment in the case of W. P. Rough, respondent, vs. the treasurer of Klickitat county, appellant. This is a suit by the taxpayers to enjoin the payment of certain warrants on the ground they are in excess of the constitutional limitation of tax indebtedness. The answer sets out that the warrants in the controversy are compulsory obligations imposed upon the county by the laws of the state, for services of jurors, witnesses, fees, sheriff's expenses in criminal processes, and expenses incurred at the general state election. The demurrer to the affirmative defense was sustained, a permanent injunction issued against the payment of warrants, and an appeal was taken.

The supreme court rules that the constitutional limitation of county indebtedness by section 6, article VIII, of the constitution, does not include those necessary expenditures made mandatory by the constitution, provided for by the legislature and imposed upon the county; that the payment of these obligations is a prior obligation, and that other liabilities incurred by the county are subject and inferior to these primary obligations, which must of necessity always continue.

Crack in Self-Defense.

Colusa, Cal., March 15.—Mrs. Frank A. Hoover killed her husband last night during a quarrel, by striking him on the head with a piece of gaspise, and his death resulted soon after.

Hoover and his wife had numerous quarrels, and the neighbors were long ago made aware of martial differences in the Hoover household. The reason generally assigned was jealousy on the part of the husband. Last evening when Hoover quarreled with his wife he engaged in a quarrel with his wife at the supper table. The quarrel was a lively one, and continued until both left the house to settle the difference in the yard.

Hoover advanced toward his wife threateningly and to protect herself she picked up a piece of gaspise and struck him behind the left ear. Hoover fell dead.

Train Wreck Near Colfax.

Colfax, Wash., March 15.—The train on the Moscow branch was wrecked at about 5:30 o'clock last evening, five miles out from Colfax. The rails spread on a sharp curve, and five freight cars, the baggage car and passenger coach were derailed. A number of passengers were on the train, but none were injured. The cars were pulled back on the track this morning. Some of the cars are badly damaged.

Shot by His Mother-in-Law.

San Francisco, March 15.—Julian Pinto, an attorney, was shot this afternoon by his mother-in-law, in his rooms. The woman had been nursing Pinto, and no reason for the shooting is suggested, except that Mrs. Latham, the mother-in-law, is feeble-minded. She disappeared after the shooting, and has not been found. Pinto's wounds will probably prove fatal. He once served a term in prison for shooting a gambler named Bush.

Mining Dividends.

Salt Lake, March 15.—The Bullion-Bock mine has declared a monthly dividend of \$3,000, and the Mercury Mining Company has declared its regular monthly dividend of \$3,000. These dividends will make the total amount paid by the Bullion-Bock \$2,117,000, and the Mercury \$650,000.

A Railroad's Loss.

Chillicothe, O., March 15.—The estimated loss of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroad from the recent floods and wrecks is \$200,000.

## POLITICS IN SCHOOL.

A New Branch of Learning for Chicago Children.

Chicago, March 15.—Chicago children are to receive instructions in the theory and practice of politics. Men of advanced thought assert that a movement of this kind is necessary to insure the perpetuity of the republican form of government, and it is to be attempted in a systematic manner. No definite programme has been arranged, but the work will probably be undertaken, or at least begun by the Civic Federation's committee on education.

Richard Waterman, Jr., secretary of the committee; W. A. Giles, principal of the Watt Graham school, and others interested in the subject have been discussing the preliminaries for some time past. So far as planned, the movement contemplates the addition of a thorough and complete course of civics in the public school curriculum, with the object of drilling pupils in the theory of politics and good citizenship, while the practical part will be imparted by voluntary participation in auxiliary societies.

The Woman's Club, of Englewood, and similar organizations have become interested in the movement and are studying the subject with a view of being able to assist the Civic Federation's committee with practical suggestions for giving the matter effective form.

EXPORTS OF PRODUCTS.

Statement for February and the Past Eight Months.

Washington, March 15.—The monthly statement of the principal articles of domestic exports for the month of February and for the eight months ending February 28, last, issued by the bureau of statistics, shows that during February the exports were:

Breadstuffs, \$15,000,657, a decrease, as compared with January, of about \$2,700,000; cotton, \$17,190,738, a decrease of about \$11,250,000; mineral oils, \$4,561,145, an increase of \$500,000; provisions, including cattle and hogs, \$12,408,811, a decrease of about \$600,000.

For the eight months, the exports of breadstuffs are given at \$136,851,789, as compared with \$94,224,249 for the same period last year, cotton, \$186,668,701, as compared with \$140,324,025 for the corresponding period last year; mineral oils, \$41,784,365, a comparative gain of about \$200,000; provisions, including cattle and hogs, \$18,778,164, a comparative loss of about \$500,000.

The total exports of these four articles during February amounted to \$49,147,354, a net loss of \$13,000. For the eight months the gains were about \$85,220,000.

Fire on a Cruiser.

New York, March 15.—Fire invaded the cruiser New York on Tuesday while the vessel was lying off Tompkinsville. The forward magazine is surrounded by coal bunkers. In it were 2,000 pounds of gunpowder and 6,000 pounds of powder. Smoke poured from the magazine and an alarm was given. For the first time in the history of the ship the automatic fire alarm had failed to work.

Water was turned into the coal bunkers and there was no stint in the quantity, so that before the cruiser had passed Governor's island it had taken into the hold such a weight of water that it gained three feet in draught and had to be sailed with great caution. Arriving at the navy-yard the New York was pumped out.

An examination was made, when it was found that the fire had not originated in the magazine, but in the coal bunkers adjoining.

The Railway Mail Clerks.

San Francisco, March 15.—Local postal employees are perfecting their plans for the twenty-second annual convention of postal clerks, which will meet here Tuesday. Postal Inspector Irwin has left for Redding, where he will meet the Eastern delegates and escort them to this city. At the opening session of the convention, addresses will be delivered by Mayor Phelan, Superintendent of Mails Flint and President Waring of the convention. In the evening a promenade concert will be given after the business session, and on the following day the delegates will be guests on a trip around the bay on the steamer Ukiah. On Friday an excursion to Santa Cruz and the big trees will be made, and on Saturday evening a reception will be given at the Baldwin hotel. Business sessions will be sandwiched between the junketing trips.

Corn for India Sufferers.

Chicago, March 15.—The movement to secure corn for India's relief, heretofore in charge of Dr. R. G. Holibs, of Jacksonville, and Dr. J. P. Boushingham, appointed to represent the Chicago Ministers' Association, was today consolidated with the Chicago committee appointed in connection with the board of trade. Hon. C. C. Benney is president and E. C. Keith, of the Metropolitan bank, is treasurer of the committee.

All these forces will co-operate with the mayor and others of San Francisco in loading the ship furnished by the secretary of the navy to carry grain free to India. The corn will also be carried free to the Pacific by the railroads.

Store at Halsey Robbed.

Albany, Or., March 15.—The store of M. V. Koonz, at Halsey, was entered by burglars last night. The safe was blown open and \$60 stolen. A strong box, containing \$1,000, was not opened, within the safe, which was not discovered until the store was opened this morning. There is no clue to the robbers.

The Royal College of Surgeons in London, has decided to confer degrees upon women.

## FIVE LIVES WERE LOST

"Cannon-Ball" Passenger Train Wrecked.

WAS CAUSED BY A WASHOUT

Engine, Mail, and Express Cars Went Down, Leaving the Passenger Cars on the Track.

Princeton, Ind., March 12.—One of the worst railroad wrecks that has occurred in this vicinity for many years happened today at 3 o'clock to the Pittsburg and Nashville limited, northbound over the Evansville & Terre Haute road, one mile north of Hazelton. The engine went over the embankment, falling a distance of fifteen feet, into six feet of water. The smoker was telescoped by the baggage car, and the ladies' car and sleeper remained on the track. The engineer says he saw nothing but a small hole. The engine passed over it and went down the embankment. The dead are: George A. Seers, conductor; Joseph Bowman, fireman; three passengers, names unknown. Two were wounded seriously and several slightly.

All the passengers in the smoker are supposed to have been killed. Four bodies besides Conductor Seers were seen in the smoker as it broke loose and rolled down the embankment and floated off in the current.

Harry J. Hill, the baggageman, was the only member of the train crew that escaped unhurt.

Set a Dog Upon the Officer.

Chicago, March 12.—In order to avoid arrest, J. J. Duff turned a vicious dog loose on Officer Erickson yesterday, as a result both are now in a hospital and it is feared the policeman may die.

Duff went home drunk, quarreled with his wife and, after beating her severely, turned her from the house. She complained to the police, and Erickson was sent to arrest Duff. He found the doors locked, but was admitted by a small boy. Duff unloaded the big dog and the animal leaped at the officer, dragging him to the floor. He bit him several times in the face, succeeded in getting his revolver from his pocket and fired, the bullet taking effect in the lower part of Duff's abdomen. The wounded man attempted to seize the officer's weapon and was himself attacked by the dog's teeth, and when other officers arrived Erickson was unconscious. The men were removed to the hospital and the dog killed.

Secretary Sherman's Plan.

Washington, March 12.—Mr. Sherman has announced to his associates that he is in a fair way to make arrangements with Spain that will remove the great cause of irritation in Cuba. He has submitted to the Spanish government through Minister Taylor a proposition that American citizens who are suspected or convicted of complicity with the insurgents shall be immediately expelled from the island without imprisonment or prosecution, unless they shall voluntarily return and place themselves in jeopardy. The arrangement would not apply, however, to persons engaged in active hostilities or who have been taken with arms.

Mr. Sherman is also proposing to negotiate a treaty with Spain, by which the rights of naturalized citizens shall be defined.

Three Were Killed.

Colon, March 12.—A serious dispute occurred among the Jamaicans employed as laborers on the Culebra section of the Panama canal and others of the canal employees. The men finally became engaged in a fight which the police were unable to quell. The military authorities were called on for assistance, and a detachment of troops was sent to the scene of the disturbance. Their presence had the effect of restoring order. During the fighting three laborers were killed and several wounded. The Jamaicans are dissatisfied with the conditions under which they work, and numbers of them are applying to be sent back to their homes.

Easy Enough When You Know How.

Washington, March 12.—Just at a time when photographers had abandoned hope of discovering a really practical process of color photography, a report to the state department from Consul-General Mason, at Frankfurt, gives a description of a means of doing this in a manner so simple and inexpensive as to be available to every photographer, thus opening a new era in reproductive art. The process is the discovery of Chasque, a Peruvian savant, and is purely chemical.

Many Turks Were Killed.

Berlin, March 12.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Candia says in a fight between bashi bazouks and a detachment of insurgents before the gates of the town, sixty of the Turks were killed or wounded. The dispatch further announces that firing between the opposing forces continues, and the town is threatened with incendiarism.

Express and Freight Trains Collide.

Wickliffe, Ky., March 12.—At 1 o'clock this morning the St. Louis express, on the Illinois Central railroad, northbound, collided with a freight train at East Cairo, Ky. Fireman Walter Rogers sustained fatal injuries, both legs being crushed off. The mail and express cars were demolished.

The queen of Portugal was instrumental in introducing the serum treatment of diphtheria, and not thought to be serious.

The Santa Fe Will Save Money.

Chicago, March 12.—A new agreement has been reached between the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe concerning the use of the former's track by the latter from Mojave to San Francisco. Under it, it is claimed, the Santa Fe will effect a considerable saving in rentals.

New York, March 12.—The British bark Athlon, Captain Sprague, which sailed from this port March 6, via Long Island sound for Dunkirk, is ashore on the Orient shoals, near Greenport, R. I.

Reinforcements for the Philippines.

Madrid, March 12.—The Spanish government has decided to send 18,000 marine forces to the Philippines.

Severe Gale at Astoria.

Astoria, Or., March 12.—A severe gale set in this evening about 6 o'clock. Much damage is reported in various sections of the city. The new cannery building of the Fishermen's Association was demolished. The gale was so severe that the sea was high that the bay on the way to Portland, and was obliged to return and 100 up per dock.

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## SESSION CONCLUDED.

The National Senate Adjourned the Extra Session Nine Days.

Washington, March 12.—There was an unusually large attendance of senators when Vice-President Hobart called the senate to order at noon today. The first business was the reading of a letter from Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, announcing the appointment of Andrew T. Wood as senator to succeed Blackburn. Hoar at once moved that the senator-elect be sworn in. Forman moved that his credentials be referred to the committee on privileges and elections. Hoar said he would not object, and the credentials were referred.

Then Hoar presented a written notice of two proposed amendments to the rules of the senate of a radical nature. The most important was according to Hoar's written notice "To enable the senate to act on legislation when it deposes after a reasonable debate." It states after a bill or resolution provides that when any bill or resolution had been under consideration for more than one day, any senator could move that the debate be closed. If a majority of the senators desired, there should be a vote without further delay, and no motion should be in order, pending a vote, but one to adjourn or take recess.

The other amendment proposed was to prevent interruption of members of the senate. It provides that when a senator makes a point of no quorum, there shall be a roll call, and if the presence of a quorum is disclosed business should proceed.

A memorial was presented by Shoup from the Idaho legislature, asking for the annexation of a part of Wyoming. It was not read. Warren said if the Wyoming legislature had been informed of the memorial, it would have taken action.

It was decided on motion of Hoar that when the senate adjourned, it should be until Monday at 11:30, but in executive session the senate reconsidered its action and agreed that adjournment would be sine die. This was found expedient, as no business could be transacted in half an hour Monday, and the nominations made in that half hour would fall if not immediately confirmed.

At 12:40 the special session adjourned.

Without Amendment.

Washington, March 12.—The senate committee on foreign relations today agreed to report the Alaskan boundary treaty with Great Britain without amendment or change. The arbitration treaty will be taken up at a special meeting of the committee.

IMPORTERS PANIC-STRICKEN.

Tariff Legislation Rumors Caused a General Alarm.

New York, March 12.—The World says: The dispatch from Washington predicting that congress at its special session will at once increase the revenue by adding from 10 to 35 per cent to the schedules of the Wilson bill, has created a small panic among importers, and an almost unprecedented rush to get bonded goods out of the warehouses before the increase takes effect.

The proposed summary action of congress has taken merchants completely by surprise. While they were prepared for a special session to pass a new tariff bill, they expected that the new bill would occupy the attention of congress for at least six months, which would give them ample time to withdraw the \$19,500,000 of goods which were in bond on January 31. It had never occurred to them that congress might adopt a temporary measure for increasing the revenue, and the possibility of such a thing, with only about ten days to get their goods out of bond, at the present rate of duty, caused a genuine sensation. It is understood that Butterfield & Co., and other importers of dress goods are among the heaviest withdrawers.

In banking circles there is a greatly increased demand for loans on call paper. One bank made a loan of \$500,000 to a big importing firm for the purpose of withdrawing goods from bond, and the payment of duties thereon.

Idaho Legislature Has Adjourned.

Boise, Idaho, March 12.—The Idaho legislature adjourned at 2 o'clock this morning. Before adjournment a joint resolution was adopted providing for a commission of the governor, secretary of state and attorney-general to investigate the management of the state offices from the beginning of the state government. Five thousand dollars was appropriated to defray the expense.

The bill to reduce the salaries of state officers and judges of the supreme and district courts was passed with a number of amendments, the salaries of the justices being put back to \$8,000, and those of the district judges being fixed at \$2,500.

The bill to create the county of Clearwater was passed by the senate without amendment. Two irrigation bills were worked through in amended form, after a very stubborn fight.

Great Northern's Betterment.

Chicago, March 12.—The Great Northern is about to expend \$100,000 on the improvement of the equipment of its passenger trains. These are all to be restubbed according to latest and most improved methods, and new equipment will be added.

Pennsylvania Coal Mine Explosion.

Pittsburg, March 12.—An explosion occurred in the Berwind White coal shaft at Dabois, Pa., at 11 this morning. There were 100 men at the mine, and all but thirty-one got out. The mine foreman was badly burned. The shaft is 300 feet deep. All the entombed miners were rescued this afternoon. John Graham, Gomer Hopkins, Peter Irwin and Hugh Reynolds were burned, but their injuries are not thought to be serious.

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