

# DENIES WAR REPORT

## Government Will Not Materially Strengthen Pacific Fleet.

### NO BATTLESHIPS ARE COMING

Rumor of Such Movement Came From Naval Expert—Only Two Ships Ordered to Pacific.

Washington, July 4.—The government is not going to throw fuel on the anti-American flames now burning in Japan by ordering 16 battleships from the Atlantic to the Pacific, as has been reported in some dispatches. Assistant Secretary Newberry of the Navy department said today that no large movement of warships from the Atlantic to the Pacific was contemplated. The Washington and Tennessee, now in Bordeaux, are under orders to join the Pacific squadron later on, but aside from that no general movement is contemplated. His statement is substantiated by an official announcement made today at Oyster Bay.

It is pointed out in diplomatic circles that the Japanese government does not countenance the anti-American agitation that is in progress in that country, and this government, as such, entertains the most friendly feeling for Japan. It therefore being mutually understood that the relations of the two governments are most amicable, there could be no reason for now moving 16 battleships to the Pacific.

Some naval experts who can scent war every time they smell firecrackers are responsible for sensational reports that have been in circulation, but these experts are not speaking by authority. There is to be no general change in the stations of our warships. Ultimately the Pacific fleet will be strengthened, as it needs to be, but there is no intention of unnecessarily exposing the Atlantic coast with its many great cities at a time when it is believed there is no danger of war on the Pacific.

### GARFIELD TOURS MONTANA.

#### Secretary Speaks on Saving Land for Public Good.

Helena, Mont., July 4.—Secretary of the Interior Garfield, accompanied by Senators Carter and Dixon, Gifford Pinchot, chief of the reclamation bureau, and a host of administration officials, arrived yesterday. The visitors completed an inspection of the Huntley and Buford projects, and after delivering a Fourth of July oration at Missoula will visit St. Marys and other Montana projects. Mr. Garfield delivered an address here last night.

Mr. Garfield spoke at the auditorium, urging the people of the state to co-operate with the government in its efforts to save the natural resources of the state for the public and from falling into hands of private interests, which, he said, was done with the resources of the East.

Mr. Garfield and party left this morning for Missoula. A review at Fort Harrison in his honor and in that of Brigadier General McCaskey, commanding the department of Dakota, was given.

### Telegrams Not Delayed.

New York, July 4.—Colonel R. C. Clowry, president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, today sent the following to the company's general superintendents at New York, Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco: "The notice to accept business for San Francisco and Oakland subject to delay is hereby withdrawn. General Superintendent Jaynes reports that the business at San Francisco and Oakland is moving without delay; that 10 out of 13 branch offices have been reopened."

### Cable Line in Operation.

San Francisco, July 4.—The California street cable line was put in operation yesterday for the first time since the carmen struck. The cars were manned by nonunion men who were broke in last week. After a quiet week in the strike several cars were stoned last night in various parts of the city \$1,000 strike benefit was distributed to the striking carmen, and Treasurer Bowing reported the union's treasury in good condition.

### Big Lumber Yards Burn.

Denver, July 4.—Fire which was discovered in the Hardwood Lumber company's yards in this city at 1:45 this morning did nearly \$50,000 damage before brought under control. The yards are a thickly populated portion of the city and it was only by hard work that the flames were kept from spreading. As it was, nearly all the windows in the residences for a radius of 100 yards were broken by the extreme heat.

### Offers Drago Doctrine.

The Hague, July 4.—Joseph H. Choate, United States delegate, yesterday presented a definite draft of his proposition regarding the collection of debts, embodying the principles also made public. M. Bourgeois, French, president of the arbitration committee, received Mr. Choate's proposition and ordered it to be printed and distributed to all the delegates before being read to the subcommittee on arbitration.

### Earthquake in the Alps.

Rome, July 4.—Slight earthquake shocks were felt today at Tolmezzo, Sandaniele and Amaro, near Udine, capital of the province of that name. Tolmezzo is in the Alps.

### CARNAGE FALLS FOURTH.

#### Celebration Victims Up To Former Records for Number.

Chicago, July 5.—The annual slaughter has been done in the name, or rather under the guise, of "patriotism." With 58 known victims, and hundreds of others groaning on their lives in hospitals, it is certain that the list of victims to the "Glorious Fourth" will exceed 158, the total last year. In 1906, with all the precautions that could be taken by authorities, the total injured reached nearly 6,000 and the total this year when all the returns are in, will be quite as large, more likely larger, for the foolkiller has been sadly remiss in his duty. Inventors have brought forth new engines of destruction.

The toy pistol and cannon cracker and deadly dynamite cane have claimed their usual quota. One peculiar feature of the casualties this year is the number of deaths from fright. Of the five instant deaths in this city, four were from fright. This is a splendid tribute to the manufacturers of explosives and the blithering idiots who use them to cause suffering.

In New York three persons were killed by explosives, and a girl was trampled to death under the hoofs of a panic-stricken horse scared by celebrators.

Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and several other large cities report no deaths, but hundreds of accidents.

The total fire loss attributable to fireworks was \$304,000. This was greatly reduced by heavy rains, which were general over the Middle West the night before the Fourth.

### SUE SAN FRANCISCO.

#### Injured Japanese Claim Damages from Bay City.

San Francisco, July 5.—Suit against the city and county of San Francisco was filed this afternoon in the Superior court for the recovery of \$2,575 for damages alleged to have been sustained by the proprietors of the Horseshoe restaurant and a Japanese bath house at Eighth and Folsom streets on May 23, when a row, caused by an attack by labor union men on two nonunion men, who were eating in the restaurant, resulted in the fronts of the two places being smashed by stones and clubs.

The suit was brought in the name of J. Timoto, proprietor of the bath house, but includes the damage to both establishments, the proprietor of the restaurant having assigned his claim to the plaintiff. The papers were filed by Carl E. Lindsay, attorney for Timoto. Associated with him are United States District Attorney Robert Devlin, who appears at the request of United States Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte, and Earl H. Webb, of counsel for the prosecution.

Japanese Acting Counsel Matsubaio is also taking an active interest in the case, which is the first legal action resulting from the declaration of the United States government that, by due legal process, reparation should be made for whatever damage the Japanese may have sustained.

### BIG LEVEE LETS FLOOD GO.

#### One Million Dollars Damage to Farm Lands in California.

Bakersfield, Cal., July 5.—The Buena Vista lake levee has broken, flooding 30,000 acres of land belonging to Miller & Lux and the Tevis Land company, and causing \$1,000,000 damage. The Sunset railway has been put out of commission and the oil fields are cut off from communication with this city.

The levee held back the waters of Buena Vista lake, covering 19 square miles, and protected a body of reclaimed land extending for a distance of 15 miles, including the old bed of Kern lake, the property of the Kern County Land company and Miller & Lux. This land was covered with crops of growing grain ready for the harvest and with alfalfa.

Of the flooded land, about 22,000 acres belonging to the Kern County Land company and 8,000 to Miller & Lux. The territory is divided into four big ranches, and the work of reclamation has been in progress for nearly 20 years.

The levee was built in 1886-7 jointly by the two corporations at a cost of \$250,000.

### Throws Sop to Peasants.

St. Petersburg, July 5.—The government is showing feverish activity in pushing the distribution of the 25,000,000 acres of crown, state and peasant land, which it has decided to distribute in average lots of 25 acres to individual peasant soldiers on easy payment terms, in order to make a showing before the convocation of the new parliament. Four of the participants in a pawnshop robbery here June 12 have been tried by court martial and condemned to be hanged. Eight bandits at Riga have been sentenced to death.

### Pouring Into British Columbia.

Victoria, B. C., July 5.—It is expected over 3,000 Japanese will arrive in British Columbia during this month from Japan and Honolulu, and as many if not more are expected in August. The steamer Kumeric will bring the first large contingent of 2,000 Japanese from Honolulu, to be followed by other steamers. The numbers brought across the Pacific are constantly increasing. Five steamers due during the next two weeks have over 600 on board.

### Straus Probes Immigration.

Montreal, July 5.—Oscar S. Straus, secretary of commerce and labor, left here tonight for Honolulu, via Toronto and Winnipeg. Mr. Straus is studying conditions at the port where immigration into the United States is the heaviest.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### DEER SEASON OPENS JULY 15

#### Change in Game Laws Not Generally Known by Hunters.

Albany—That not more than 5 per cent of the sportsmen of Oregon know that the open season for deer begins this year July 15, is the opinion of a local hunter. The fact that the last legislature changed the deer season has not become known at all in this part of the state and men who always begin deer hunting as soon as the season opens are making no plans to go into the mountains until next month.

According to the new law, the open season for buck deer is from July 15 to November 1. It was formerly from August 15 to November 1. The season for female deer remains the same under the new law as it was under the old from September 1 to November 1. These changes in the deer season are embodied in house bill 151, which is recorded on page 341 of the 1907 session laws.

Another change in the deer law is that it is now a misdemeanor to kill dogs chasing deer. It was formerly illegal to hunt deer with dogs and that provision is also contained in the new law. Under the old law many dogs caught chasing deer were shot and killed and the new provision was inserted in order to protect owners of valuable dogs, which would break loose and chase deer without the knowledge of their owners.

### Seek Location for Library.

Albany—Albany's public library will be started as soon as a suitable building can be found. Arrangements are complete for instituting it and as soon as temporary quarters are rented the library will be opened. Nine directors have been elected and their election has been confirmed, in accordance with the state laws governing public libraries, under which this institution was formed by the city council. These directors are Frank J. Miller, Mrs. J. K. Weatherford, H. H. Hewitt, Fred P. Nutting, Mrs. H. F. Merrill, Mrs. S. E. Young, M. H. Ellis and Miss Lucy Gard.

### Water for Irrigation Next Year.

Ontario—Messrs. Allbright and Eggleston, of Portland, Christian Cooperative representatives, have returned from Upper Willow creek. They state work is progressing rapidly on the irrigation project, and that work of survey for the laterals is still going on. The huge reservoir in Cow valley will be in readiness to deliver water next year, and while the project of the federation is a vast undertaking and will take a long time to construct, they say it will surely be completed to irrigate thousands of acres of high land in Malheur county.

### S. P. Behind Spencer Power Plant.

Klamath Falls—The positive announcement has at last been made that the work being done at Spencer's on Klamath river is the beginning of a large power plant which the Southern Pacific company will complete in the course of a few years. The operations of the workmen engaged on the plant have been rather mysterious and employees who have worked there for six months or more did not know what they were working at or for whom.

### New Clerk in Land Office.

Burns—There is rejoicing among the patrons of the United States land office here over the assurance just received from the department at Washington that a clerk is to be added to the working force with the opening of the office. The work of the office has been badly congested and this will relieve the strain and permit the completion of important transactions which have been awaiting action for some time.

### Buy Land for Weston Brick.

Weston—The proprietors of the Weston brickyard have purchased of James D. Gish his addition to Weston, consisting of nearly 10 acres in the lower part of the city. Before making the purchase the brickyard people quietly demonstrated that the soil was well adapted to the making of a superior quality of brick. The price paid was \$2,000.

### Ontario Wants New Land District.

Ontario—A petition is being circulated in Ontario and numerous signed asking the government to create a new land district for this section and the appointment of a register and receiver, the office to be located at Ontario or Vale. At present parties having land office business to transact have to go to Burns, a distance of 150 miles.

### Clackamas Land Booming.

Oregon City—The large increased fees of the recorder's office in Clackamas county is a good indication of the healthy growth in the real estate business. The fees of County Recorder Ramsby for June were \$421.01, against \$269.35 for the same month during the previous year.

### Murphy Estate Valued at \$70,000

Salem—The will of the late Judge J. J. Murphy, has been probated here. It leaves an estate estimated at \$70,000 to be equally divided between the widow, Elizabeth C. Murphy, and the son, Chester G. Murphy, the latter being named as executor without bonds.

### Fruit Box Factory for Weston.

Weston—C. W. Avery, manager of the Blue Mountain sawmill, has gone to Portland to purchase machinery for the equipment of a box factory to be run in connection with his mill. The demand at present is far in excess of the supply with present facilities.

### FOREST FUND FOR EACH STATE

#### Pinchot Says Department Proposes Improved Service.

Pendleton—While in the city for a few hours, Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, announced that if his present plans were materialized that the next appropriation for forest reserves, by congress, would be divided into specific appropriations for the states. His object in this change of policy is to secure better appropriations for the individual states, making it possible to pay better salaries for those who are placed in charge of the forest reserves and thereby secure more competent men.

The question of having the forest reserve district headquarters moved from Portland to this city was taken up with Mr. Pinchot, and he promised to give the matter his attention. He listened carefully to the arguments made for the proposed change and admitted that there seemed to be some good reasons why the change should be made.

The forester says his particular purpose in coming to the West at this time is to study local needs, hear complaints, explain the purposes of the forest reserve, adjust differences, and in short to adapt the administration of the reserve affairs to the local conditions. He says he is finding that complaints concerning the reserve is not due to the theory or policy of the administration, but to mistakes that have been made in the conduct of the reserve affairs, and these he is endeavoring to adjust as rapidly as possible.

He went from here to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and from thence goes to Helena to meet Secretary of the Interior Garfield. He expects to be in Portland July 13 and 14.

### Will Find Klamath Reds Active.

Klamath Falls—The Klamath Indian reservation is a busy place this summer, and Secretary Garfield will find much to interest him when he visits the home of Uncle Sam's wards in the middle of July. At the Klamath agency, where the schools are located, about \$40,000 is being expended in improvements. The chief improvements being made are the constructing of a sewerage system and an electric light and water system.

### Salmon Reach the Calapoosia.

Albany—Salmon are reported to have been seen in the mouth of the Calapoosia river, where it enters the Willamette at this city. If salmon are successfully passing the falls at Oregon City and ascending the Willamette the long deferred hope of residents of the upper valley is being realized. In spite of all the contrivances which have been placed in the river at Oregon City to enable salmon to ascend, very few of the fish have ever been seen as far south as this city.

### Harney's Prospects Excellent.

Burns—There are excellent crop prospects in all parts of Harney county. Grain has a fine stand and fruit of all varieties is looking well. Alfalfa has made an unusually good growth this year, and there are some rich patches of it on dry land with no artificial irrigation. Haying will begin early in July and the crop is very heavy.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 86c; bluestem, 88c; 89c; valley, 86c; red, 84c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28; gray, nominal.

Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.

Corn—Whole, \$28; cracked, \$29 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@23; clover, \$9; cheat, \$9@10; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$13@14.

Fruits—Cherries, 8@10c per pound; apples, 7c@11c per box; storage Spitz-enbergs, \$3.50 per box; gooseberries, 7c per pound; cantaloupes, \$3.50@3.75 per crate; apricots, 75c@82c per crate; peaches, \$1.25@1.50 per box; plums, \$1.65 per box; blackberries, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; loganberries, \$1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1@1.50 per crate; prunes, \$1.50@1.75 per crate.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$2 per sack; carrots, \$2.50 per sack; beets, \$2.50 per sack; asparagus, 10c per pound; beans, 7@10c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2c per pound; corn, 35@50c per dozen; cucumbers, \$1 per box; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 15@20c per dozen; peas, 4@5c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; rhubarb, 3 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50 per crate.

Potatoes—Old Oregon Burbanks, \$3@3.25 per sack; new, 3c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22 1/2@25c per pound.

Poultry—Average old hens, 11@12c per pound, mixed chickens, 10c; spring chickens 13@14c; old roosters, 9c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 11@12c; turkey dressed, choice, nominal; geese, live, 7@10c; young ducks, 13@14c; old ducks, 10c.

Eggs—Candled, 24@25c per dozen.

Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2@7 1/2c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 3 1/2@4c per pound; cows, 6@6 1/2c; country steers, 6 1/2@7c.

Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8c per lb; ordinary, 6@7c; spring lambs, 9@9 1/2c per pound.

Pork—Dressed, 6@8 1/2c per pound.

Hops—6@8c per pound, according to quality.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c according to fineness.

Mohair—Choice, 20@30c per pound.

### HOLDS OFF DAMAGE SUITS.

#### Japanese Consul is Also Investigating Refusal of Licenses.

San Francisco, July 3.—In response to an inquiry, the Japanese consul today informed the Associated Press that no decision has yet been reached as to whether suit shall be brought in the courts to recover in behalf of Japanese residents of San Francisco who suffered loss in the wrecking May 23 of a Japanese restaurant and bathhouse on Folsom street by a mob. The matter was described as being at the present time in statu quo.

It was said by a representative of the consul general that the consulate is not awaiting instructions from Tokio.

It was further said that the consulate was investigating the complaint of local Japanese that their race is being discriminated against by the board of police commissioners in refusing to grant them liquor licenses, intelligence office licenses and licenses for similar municipal privileges. The reply of the board is that it is acting under an ordinance which forbids the issuance of liquor licenses to any save citizens of this country and persons who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, and in accordance with the rule of the board that the other licenses named shall not be granted to foreigners until American residents have more fully recovered from the business shock of last year's earthquake.

The consulate looks with suspicion on this defense, but wishes to be understood as desirous of investigating further before making any definite recommendation to the Tokio government.

### EACH SHOUTS OF VICTORY.

#### Conflicting Claims in Strike of Telegraph Operators.

San Francisco, July 3.—"The strike is over," said Superintendent Storrer, of the Postal Telegraph company.

"The strike is over," said Mr. O'Brien, of the Western Union office, in the ferry building.

"The strike has just begun," said President Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' union.

These three laconic statements adequately describe the attitude of the opposing parties and give a hint as to their future action. Although the officials of both companies here in San Francisco are but subordinates and could not of their own volition take any steps towards a settlement, it is not thought likely that any such steps will be taken while the local officials report that they are handling the business without unreasonable delay.

The operators on the other hand, state that they will carry on the fight, even though the companies find a man for every key, and they declare they are prepared to stay out six months if necessary. Their leaders, however, say that they expect to win in much less time, and Mr. Small yesterday prophesied that the "lightning would strike soon in an unexpected place," but did not explain his remark.

### ROCKEFELLER TO TESTIFY.

#### Oil King Surrenders to Orders of Federal Court.

Cleveland, O., July 3.—John D. Rockefeller has decided to give himself up and testify before Judge Landis in the Federal court in Chicago. It was learned tonight upon trustworthy information that the oil king had reached an understanding with the government officers through his counsel and that he hereafter will not be molested by United States marshals.

According to the present program, Mr. Rockefeller will arrive in Cleveland on the Fourth to spend the summer at his summer home, Forest Hill. No government officers will meet him to serve summons for his appearance in the Chicago court. Instead, service will be obtained upon the oil king's counsel, who have promised to have Mr. Rockefeller testify in the Standard Oil cases before Judge Landis in the United States court in Chicago July 6, or whenever his testimony is desired.

It further was learned that the government has sent subpoenas for Mr. Rockefeller to United States marshals in districts where they thought he might be or might visit.

### Both Must Share Loss.

San Francisco, July 3.—Another one of the important legal points developed by the late earthquake was settled today, when Judge Sewell decided that contractors and property owners were put upon a level by the act of God and neither could recover from the other in cases of misfortunes resulting from the quaking earth crust. The court held that both parties must stand equally whatever loss results to buildings under construction—the property owner that portion already erected and the contractor the cost of material used.

### Reno Operators on Strike.

Reno, Nev., July 3.—As a result of action of Superintendent A. N. May in dismissing two operators in the Reno Western Union office, four other operators have quit work, and Manager Brown states that he will not be surprised if a general walkout results from the dissatisfaction felt among the employees on account of the strike in San Francisco. One result of the shortage of men is that business with the Salt Lake office is six hours behind.

### Trust in Umbrella Frames.

Philadelphia, July 3.—An indictment was returned by the United States grand jury here today against the so-called umbrella frame trust. The indictment contains three counts and charges the National Umbrella Frame company of this city, the Newark Rivet Works and the Newark Tube & Metal Works with a conspiracy to form a combination in restraint of trade.

# OPEN DOOR IN CHINA

## Japan Has Blocked It and Broke Many Promises.

### BATTLESHIPS COMING TO PACIFIC

#### Navy Department Officials Still Try to Minimize the Importance of the Demonstration.

Washington, July 6.—Interest world politics and the possibility of conflict with Japan was renewed today when the definite news that great fleet of United States warships would be sent to the Pacific coast came generally known. Also a phase was put on the matter when it became known that the move, calculated as it is to impress Japan that she is not dealing with a power like Russia hinges on something deeper than resentment of Japan at the treatment her citizens have received that San Francisco. The real issue, it is pointed out here, is the open door in the East.

Ostensibly it was for the open door that Japan went to war with Russia. But after her victory the door of trade in Manchuria and Korea was well blocked up with obstacles placed by Japan, much to the discomfort of American and British merchants.

America was given assurances that the door would remain open as long as the president is at Oyster Bay and other officials of the government are out of the city, it is reported here that the United States intends, if should become necessary, to be prepared to insist that the Japanese government put no restrictions in the way of trade with the continent of Asia.

While it has been constantly declared by the Navy department that the menace to Japan is intended by the dispatch of the fleet, and Ambassador Aoki, of that country, has asserted that Japan will not construe the presence of the fleet in the Pacific as such, it is understood here that the arrival of the battleship squadron in the Pacific marks the initial step towards the maintenance of a permanent fighting fleet in the Pacific hereafter.

Whether the entire fleet of 18 vessels which is now destined for the Pacific remains there or not, it is asserted of the authority of well informed officials that the American navy in the Pacific will never again be inadequate to cope with any emergency on that side of the continent unless there is a vast change in the aspect of international politics.

### BELIEVE SCHMITZ BARRED.

#### Prosecutors Say Name Cannot Legally Go on Ballot.

San Francisco, July 6.—Announcement by Eugene E. Schmitz that he would be a candidate for re-election to the mayoralty this fall to a fourth term unless his appeal for a new trial in the appellate and supreme courts, has raised the question whether he can legally go upon the ballot. An examination into the law on this point was made today by Assistant District Attorney Robert Harrison, and the tentative conclusion was that the mayor is barred.

Schmitz maintains that he is not convicted until his conviction by the jury in Judge Dunne's court is finally passed upon and sustained by the supreme court of the state.

### Fiji Islands Devastated.

Victoria, B. C., July 6.—News of a disastrous hurricane in a portion of the Fiji group, resulting in the complete devastation of Futuna island, causing great property loss, but no loss of life, was brought by the steamer Monna, Captain Davidson, which arrived from the scene of the hurricane. The island, which towered high with beautiful vegetation, now is a great burnt-up brown lump of earth. The island is a scene of desolation, strewn completely with debris, and that no lives were lost is considered remarkable.

### Coal Will Be Scarcer.

Rock Springs, Wyo., July 6.—As a result of the suits filed by the government against the Union Pacific Coal company, forcing that company to abandon coal property alleged to have been illegally secured from the government, three of the big coal mines situated on the disputed property have been closed down. The mines belong to the Superior Coal company, which is owned by the Union Pacific. The effect will be a further shortage of coal in the West.

### Flocking Over Border.

Mexico City, July 6.—Two hundred and seventy-five Japanese landed at Santa Cruz yesterday. The Japanese are headed for the coal mines in the district of Las Esperanzas. Joseph Z. Strand, a Chinese immigration inspector stationed at El Paso, who arrived in this city today, stated that the Japanese are flocking to the border in great numbers and buying tickets to Juarez through to Canada, in order to enter the United States.

### No Idea of Boycotting.

London, July 6.—"The leading chambers of commerce assure me," cabled the Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, that they never entertained the idea of boycotting American goods. Such a boycott would be considered suicidal in view of the existing trade conditions."