EWS OF THE WEEK

Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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e national president of the W. C. broughout the South within five already have the Utes under control.

is visiting the principal towns Philippiines.

PACKAGES IN RURAL MAIL.

Postmaster General to Make Recommendations in Report.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 29.—Post-master General von L. Meyer, at a dinner at the Union League club last night, made an address in which he called attention to recommendations which he purposes making in his annual report for the consideration of the next congress. On the question of par-cels post he said:

"I shall recommend the same rate, 12 cents a pound, and the same limit of weight for parcels, whether intended for points in this country or abroad, which means a reduction of four cents a pound and increase in the maximum weight to eleven pounds."

Taking up the rural parcels post ques-

tion he said:

"I shall recommend a parcels post system on the rural delivery routes, a special rate to be charged on packages nd Island, Neb., has closed its doors. for delivery from the distributing offices nland has passed a bill prohibiting of the rural route, or if mailed by a manufacture or importation of al- patron of any rural route for delivery to a patron on the same route cr at the distributing office of said route. The rate would be five cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound, up to eleven pounds. This

would be a great boon for the farmers." Regarding postal savings banks, the

postmaster general said:

"As an evidence that it is not the desire of the government to compete with the private savings banks in obtaining deposits of the people, I shall advocate a rate of interest of 2 per cent per anritish railroad employes have voted num, or 1 per cent semi-annually and a general strike and there seems limit of \$500, not more than \$250 to be likelihood of a settlement being deposited in any one year. My own belief is that far from its being a detriment to the established banks, it would North Carolina have united to be in the end an advantage. Now, in the railways to bey new laws order to get this money back into the channels of trade, I purpose to ask congress for authority to place the savings in the National banks."

DEVELOPS A NEW GRAPE.

California Scientist Believes He Has Variety Surpossing the Tokay.

Stockton, Cal., Oct. 29 .- An entirely new kind of grape is being developed at the government experimental station his forest. The money is now avail- 30, 1907, was 967,371, and the total near Lodi, and Professor H. C. Hus- able and the work will be begun at value of the pension roll at that date the government experimental station his forest. The money is now availmann is of the opinion that it will result in a grape that will excel the famous Flame Tokay, which has given Lodi so much fame. The new variety the effectiveness of the ranger force in for by the higher rates of pensions prois somewhat similar to the Tokay in all lines of work. Lack of trails in the texture and color, but is impervious to the rain, is much firmer and can be loss of considerable time to forest offishipped longer distances without dam- cers traveling between important age. It apears to be a cross between a points. Tokay and Farerra and is of an improved flavor. If properly developed it is expected to become a most profitable

Professor Husmann is due to arrive in Lodi this week and he intends to set correct wrongs that menace the entire out about 30 varieties of grapes, five organization. The facts were admitted different kinds of each variety, for experimental purposes. Already 130 vafrom the experiments being made at of tropical service is general and the construction crew on account of the station. Additional apparatus is to absence of the canteen has led to drunkbe installed at the plant in the way of enness and disgrace. These statewo arrests have been made in Chi- thermometers and records of tempera. ments are made in officers' reports. for stealing records in the case of tures will be made so as to make comparisons with grape growing points in France, Spain, Italy and South Africa.

IMPROVE MARE ISLAND.

Works of Extension Planned to Cost Several Million Dollars.

San Francisco, Oct. 29 .- Representative Joseph R. Knowland visited Mare Island navy yard today and had an extended conference with Commandant Phelps and Civil Engineer Rockwell. Plans and estimates were given Knowland for the improvements desired at Mare Island, which call for the excenditure of several million dollars to make this station the finest naval establishment in the world. The spur dikes, amense crop exports from the Unit-tates will force imports of foreign now of the Panama Canal commission, and have proved such a success in deepening the channel to the yard, will be greatly extended at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars. The stone quay wall, to which vessels under repair are tied, will also be extended ph operators strike is over notwith- about a mile southward toward the shows that on June 30, 1997, there have to lie in midstream or at a point 021,545. In Washington there were below the lighthouse.

Prison Official Killed.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.-General Maximoffsky, director of the department of prisons of the ministry of the interior. was shot and killed today. The general was the first responsible official connected with the Russian prison. A young woman who has not been identified, presented herself at the weekly reception of General Maximoffsky and remained quietly in the crowded antercom until it was her turn on the new Dupont Powder works to enter the general's private office. When she was in his presence the woman fired seven shots.

Utes Said to Issue Defy.

Pierre, S. D., Oct. 29.—Parties from the Cheyenne river agency report that troops are now marching toward the Ute camp and expect to reach it to-night or tomorrow. The Utes are well ounces of silver at 60.941 cents per fine their children to school or to work. A San Francisco. special from Sturgis, S. D., where Fort Meade is located, says that late reports predicts that prohibition will indicate that the Sioux Indian police

Increase Railway Rates.

Mexico City, Oct. 29 .- It was authoritatively stated today that a gene-

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

WANT TWO MORE BIG SHIPS.

Naval Officers Expect Appropriation

for 20,000-Ton Battleships. Washington, Nov. 1 .- It is the opinion of naval officers generaly that congress, at the coming session, should provide for two new 20,000-ton battle- trust at Norfolk, Virginia, under the sh ps, to be companion shipe to those recently placed under contract. Navy men believe it is a good idea to build up the naval force in units of four ships cal with the other three. If this policy could be adopted, the navy could be enlarged more rapidly than if the plans are continually changed. For instance, if the necessary appropriations could be obtained for two ships of this type, contracts could be let for them not later than the first of next August, and they would follow along less than a year be-

hind the ships recently contracted for.

If there should be any radical change in shipbuilding before the next contracts could be awarded, the officers concede that the government would be justified in modifying its plans. For the present these officers are content with 20,000-ton battleships, and are not favorable to the immediate con-struction of ships of 22,500 or 25,000 ships at the approaching session, and propriations at this time. If congress stituent companies. suthorizes two new battleships in the next naval appropriation bill it will be doing more than many friends of the navy expect. There is a general feeling that congress will rather be inclined to hold down naval appropriation, and authorize one rather than two battleships.

Trails in Rainier Forest.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Supervisor G. est, Washington, has just been authorized to expend \$1,750 for the construc- in the history of the pension bureau. tion of trails, cabins and pastures in authorized will be used for building a fine trail system which will increase Rainier forest has heretofore caused the

Conditions Scare Officers.

Washington, Oct. 31 .- So serious are conditions in the army that as soon as congress convenes it will be asked to today at the War department. Deser-

WII Settle Quarrel.

Washington, Oct. 30. - Secretary bay, goes to endeavor to reconcile a diffortification of that place. Several years ago a naval board decided that Subig bay should be the main naval base. Recently, however, the army engineers have decided thatt Subig bay is practically indefensible.

Railroads Aid Favorites.
Washington, Nov. 2.—In a complaint filed before the Interstate Commerce commission 223 railroads and transportation companies are made defendants by the wholesale drygoods dealers of Wichita. The complaints allege discrimination against Wichita given temporary quarters. At the rein favor of Topeka and Kansas City in shipments from the Atlantic seaboard.

Pensioners in the Northwest. Washington, Oct. 30 .- The annual report of the commissioner of pensions magazine. At present the quay wall is were 7,798 pensioners in Oregon drawso crowded that many of the ships ing annual pensions aggregating \$1,in Alaska 68, drawing \$9,699.

Oklahoma as a State.

state on Saturday, November 16. The compilation proper can begin, president made this announcement today to Governor Frantz, who brought, to Washington a certified copy of the new constitution.

Oregon Railway Mail-Clerks.

Washington, Oct. 31 .- Melton Vernon, of Portland; Ralph W. Knott, of Thompson, A. R. Leta and F. E. Scoway mail clerks.

Government Buys Silver.

Washington, Nov. 1 .- The Treasury

New Rural Crrriers Named. Washington, Oct. 31 .- W. E. Child has been appointed regular, Sherman Lyon substitute rural carrier, route 2, at Barton, Oregon.

Rural Carrier at Sunset. Washington, Nov. 2 .- David M. Mcroute 1, at Sunset, Wash.

SMELTER TRUST NEXT.

Prosecution Will Follow Completion of Tobacco Case.

Washington, Oct. 30 .- If the government is successful in its seizure of 8,-750,000 cigarettes from the tobacco Sherman anti-trust law, one of its next proceedings will be against the Guggenheim smelter trust, of which the Federal Mining & Smelting company, opereach, each ship of the unit to be identi- ating in Washington and Idaho, is a constituent. Charles Sweeney, of Spo-kane, one of the directors of the Federai company, is heavily interested in Portland realty.

When questioned regarding the government's action relative to other trusts, if successful against the tobacco corporation, a responsible official in the department of justice replied:

"The government will not be limited with reference to any other trust." "What about the Standard Oll and

the smelter trust?" "The government will not be limited with reference to any other trust," the

official reiterated. An investigation has been going on into the smelter trust for many months. The government has a mass of evitons, unless congress should see fit to dence. If it proceeds against the smelappropriate for more than two battle- ter trust and the Federal company it will seize all interstate cars controlled no one looks for any such abnormal ap- by the Guggenheims in all their con-

ARE GOING BEYOND.

Civil War Pensioners Decrease Rap-Idly During 1907.

Washington, Oct. 29 .- The decrease of 18,600 in the number of pensioners on the rolls at the end of the fiscal year 1907, as compared with the year previous, is the feature of the annual report F. Allen, of the Rainier National for- of Pension Commissioner Warner just issued. This is the greatest decrease

The total number of pensioners June once. The greater part of the amount was \$140,850,880. This is greater by \$4,613,131 than the value of the roll for the year previous and is accounted vided for by the act of February, 1907, under which act there had been enrolled June 30 of the present year 116,239 pensioners.

The total number of pensioners on the roll on account of the war with Spain was 24,077.

Army Activity in Philippines.

Washington, Oct. 29 .- There are strong surface indications that important military developments are looked for in the Philippine islands in the of allowing newspaper correspondents near future. Chief among the things to accompany the fleet was discussed rieties of grapes are being grown at the station, and it is believed that the vineyard will receive great benefits favoritism; enthusiasm is lacking; fear commanding that military division, and of the fleet would be designated to send Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, commanding the department of Mindanao, able to make public. have asked for further service in the archipelago. General Wood will start for the United States next month by way of Europe to take command of the department of the east at New York. Taft, who has left Manila to visit Subig After a brief stay in the United States, General Wood plans to return to the ference of opinion between the army islands and resume command. Geneand navy respecting the continuance of ral Bliss also has asked that he be conexpenditures on a large scale for the tinued in command of the Philippines for another two years, following his present term of service in the islands.

Utes Growing Restive.

Washington, Oct. 31 .- The tribe of Ute Indians which more than a year ago wandered away from its reservation on in Utah and threatened trouble in Colorado and Wyoming by threatening to take the warpath and raid ranches, of it," said Mr. Hadley. is reported to have again broken out on the Cheyenne River reservation, in South Dakota, where the tribe was quest of the secretary of the interior, the War department today ordered troops from Fort Meade to the scene of the trouble

Millions Are Divorced.

Washington, Oct. 31 .- An aggregate of 1,300,000 divorce cases during the past 20 years will be shown by a report being prepared at the census bureau. 10,393 pensioners, drawing \$1,352,634; A total of 2,900 clerks and special in Idaho, 2,205, drawing \$292,296, and agents have been at work for months gathering this data, and about 140 are Washing'on, Oct. 31. - President out of the number stated before the Roosevelt will proclaim Oklahoma a field work is finished and the work of

Roosevelt 49 Years Old

Washington, Oct. 31 .- Sunday was President Roosevelt's 49th birthday. No celebration marked the event. He did not depart from his customary Sunday program of worship, work and rec-Albany; J. C. Cooper, Thomas E. reation. The day was spent at the White House fireside in a quiet family ville, of Portland, are appointed rail- rejoleing. Congratulations in large numbers by mail, telegraph and tele-House during the day.

More Government Forest.

Washington, Oct. 31 .- The presiarmed and say they will fight if any ounce, 100,000 ounces to be delivered dent has ordered the withdrawal of 34, effort is made to compel them to send at New Orleans and 100,000 cunces in | 965 acres of land in Trinity, Shasta and Glenn counties, California, along the eastern border of the Trinity national forest, and it is proposed to add this acreage to the forest.

> Special Land-Grant Lawyer. Washington, Oct. 30 .- It is announced that Tracy C. Becker, an attorney of Buffalo, will be appointed ses in California and Oregon.

ISSUES PROCLAMATION.

President Sets Apart November 28 as Day of Thanksgiving.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The president's annual Thanksgiving proclamation, issued Saturday, selecting Thursday, November 28, for the people to assemble to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of the manifold blessings of the past year, triumphantly declares that nowhere in the world is there such an opportunity for a free people to develop to the fullest extent all powers of body, mind and character.

"During the past year we have been free from famine, from pestilence, from war," it declares. "Our natural resources are at least as great as those of any nation. Much has been given us from on high and much will rightly be expected of us in return. Into our care the 10 talents have been entrusted, and we are to be pardoned neither if we squander and waste them, nor yet if we kide them in a napkin.

"We should earnestly pray that the spirit of righteousness may grow great-er in the hearts of all and that our souls may be inclined even more toward the virtues that tell of gentleness, for loving kindness and forebearance one with another, for without these qualities neither nation nor individual can rise to the level of greatness."

FIXES SAILING DATE.

All Plans Complete for Fleet to Sail for Pacific December 16.

Washington, Oct. 28. - Secretary Metcalf today announced that it was definitely settled that the Atlantic fleet by depositors upon Portland banks. will leave Hampton Roads on December 16 for its cruise to the Pacific coast. This announcement followed a confer- county banks and also arrange for the ence held at the White House, to shipment of money due them from the which the president summoned Secretary Metcalf, Rear Admiral Evans, who der of this week be made a legal holiwill command the fleet on its cruise to day. November 2, the last day menthe Pacific, and Rear Admiral Brown- tioned in the proclamation, is Saturson, chief of the bureau of navigation of the Navy department. The confer-ence was called to continue more in deence was called to continue more in detail the cabinet meeting discussion of naval affairs. The discussion related the state notifying them of the issuparticularly to details of the Atlantic ance of the proclamation. The purpose fleet's cruise to the Pacific.

It is understood that matters were in oughly informed on all important items arrangement that will satisfy demands in the itinerary. Admiral Evans, who has been confined to his apartments on account of an indisposition, looked and declared himself to be much improved in health. The bureau of insular waited upon the governor. affairs today received a cablegam from Governor General Smith, of the Philippines, asking that the Atlantic fleet be week beginning February 10, in order to attend to pre-Lenten festivities.

The fact that the fleet will not have arrived in Pacific waters by that time

precludes this. Mr. Metcalf stated that the question

TWO-CENT FARE PROFITABLE.

Two Roads in Missouri Make Money

Under New Law. Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 28 .- Having found the two-cent fare profitable, two of the railroads operating in Missouri have decided to give the new law an-

other month's trial. Herbert S. Hadley, attorney general of Missouri, said this morning that he had information from a reliable source that two of the railroads operating in Missouri had found the 2-cent fare to

be profittable. The auditors of two of the railroads say the 2-cent rate has proved profitable, while others take a different view

"The fact that the railroads can't agree on the proposition caused them to decide to give it another month's trial before going into court again. I shall not take any further steps in the matter unless the railroads make a move. I shall be satisfied if they decide to continue the 2-cent rate indefinitely."

Brain Worth Six Millions. New York, Oct. 28 .- It was learned today that Morris Rosenthal, the Standard Oil's \$1,000 a day lawyer, is originator of the unique defense to be made by the \$100,000,000 corporation that caused the Standard to employ thal's salary to represent a return of 6

of his brain exceeds \$6,000,000.

Indicted for Grafting. Indianapolis, Oct. 28.—The Marion county grand jury has returned indictments against Henry Marshall, of Lafayette, president of the Western Construction company, and formerly speakphone were received at the White tives. George W. Baxter, cashier of company, has been brought back.

Considers Suez Route.

Rome, Oct. 28 .- The United States consuls at Naples, Palermo and Messina have received instructions from Washington to ascertain what amount of coal and provisions the three cities of the Suez canal.

OREGON BANKS QUIT

From the East.

GOVERNOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Action of Portland Clearing House Necessitated by Refusal of Eastern Banks to Honor Balances.

Salem, Or., Oct. 29 .- By order of a proclamation issued late last night by Governor Chamberlain, Oregon banks will enjoy five business holidays, in which interim it is expected that the situation in the East will become more clarified and the coast banks will be enabled to secure the cash balances due them from New York.

This action was taken at the instance of the Portland clearing house committee, which met last evening to talk over the situation with Governor Chamberlain. The bankers arrived in the city by special car.

Briefly stated, the situation as described to the governor is, that Oregon banks have heavy deposits of cash in the East and the Eastern banks refuse upon any conditions to send money West in payment of demands. There has been no run or indication of a run

Believing that in one week they can effect a satisfactory arrangement with East, the banks asked that the remainday. Monday will therefore be the

bankers sent telegrams to all banks in is to prevent calls for money from country banks, induce them to close for such shape that the president was thor- the week and bring them together in an before next Monday. That Portland banks are solvent and in fact were never in better condition than they are today, was asserted by the bankers who

Governor Chamberlain at first doubted the wisdom of the action requested by the Portland bankers, but when the permitted to visit Manila during the situation regarding the locking up of funds in the East was explained and the necessity of checking any stringency which might arise as a result of this in the West, Mr. Chamberlain readily complied.

SAYS IT IS ON THE BOOKS.

Witness in Ford Trial Testifies That Bribe Money Is Entered.

San Francisco, Oct. 29 .- Such rapid such news as might be thought desir- progress was made yesterday by the prosecution in the Ford bribery trial that if the defense, adopting its procedure in the former trial, declines to put in any evidence, the case should be in the hands of the jury within the week.

Twelve witnesses were examined, all but the last one of whom were concluded with. George Wilcutt, seeretary and controller of the United Railroads, testified-to the unconcealed surprise and manifest distrust of the prosecution-that the books of the street car corporation do carry as entries the \$200,000 with which Ford and Ruef are alleged to have bribed the supervisorrs to pass the trolley franchise. The witness was directed to produce the corpor-

ation's journal and ledger.

Ends Land Grant Inquiry. Portlnd, Oct. 29 .- B. D. Townsend, Special United States Attorney for Oregon, will complete his investigation of the Oregon & California (Southern Pacific) railroad grant in this state in a few days, when he will submit his report to United States Attorney General Bonaparte. Mr. Townsend will not discuss the result of his investigation, which has covered several months and has included a careful research of all the records and documents pertaining

to the grant and its terms. Georgia Negro Lynched.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 29 .- Passengers on the Central Georgia train coming from in the government suit to dissolve it. Byron, Ga., brought an account of the still engaged in the task. There are It was his conception of the defense lynching of a negro named John Wilkes at that place last night. The negro him at the unprecedented salary which robbed two small boys of 75 cents. began last spring. Estimating Rosen- When Marshal Johnson made an effort to arrest him the negro attempted to per cent in property value, his friends shoot the officer. Quick work preventhere figure that the actual market value ed this. At a late hour unknown persons dragged the prisoner from the jail and after carrying him a short distance the body was riddled with bullets. It was then burned upon a log fire.

Men Going Back to the Keys.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 29 .- It was announced last night that a large maer of the Indiana house of representa- jority of the telegraphers who have been en strike in Birmingham since August the company, was indicted also. The 11 will resume work today. They will company has contracts with the city of go back to both the Western Union and Indianapolis for repairing asphalt Postal companies under practically the streets. Harry Brunaugh, agent of the same conditions they were working under when called out. Local managers of the companies state that the men will be re-employed as individuals as hey apply.

Buys Bar Gold in London.

London, Oct. 29 .- The United States secured all the bar gold offered today can supply on short notice. The in- in the market, totaling nearly \$5,000,-quiry is believed here to imply that the 000. The price paid was \$19.50. This United States Navy department contem- is 31/4 cents higher than previous quomor again has it that Harriman ral increase in the railway rates of the Cance has been appointed regular, and be deposed as king of the railspecial assistant attorney general to plates sending part of the Atlantic battations, indicating the keenness of the deposed as king of the railspecial assistant attorney general to plates sending part of the Atlantic battations, indicating the keenness of the review the Southern Pacific land grant teship squadron to the Pacific by way competition. Both Paris and London bid against the United States.