EWS OF THE WEEK

Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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ume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

mallpox has broken out near Pe Wash.

n assay office has been established

Ibany, Oregon. ames Hamilton Lewis Is a candidate governor of Illinois.

oldfield mineowners say efforts at promise come too late.

egal Solidays are over in California. ember 21 was the last.

he battleship fleet is well off the ida coast and all is well on board. spanese are anxious for Admiral ns to visit them with his battleship

spresentative Scott, of Kansas, ld prohibit dealing in futures on

he first train has passed under the son river at New York through the doo tunnel. he total loss to vessel property on

great lakes amounted to \$743,000 be season of 1907.

speculation in theater tickets. he Searchlight Bank & Trust comy, of Searchlight, Nevada, has been ed by the president of the corpora-

riction between Cortelyon and sevelt may result in the resignation be former.

ichigan elecitric road managers say cannot operate at a profit for less

class passengers. eorge Rex Clarke, blind since birth, just graduated from the University

hicago with an A. B. degree. New York man has had his name good rather than evil. nged from Crooke to Croohe, be-

se Supreme court of Illinois holds the a ti-cigarette law does not ibit the sale of cigarettes made pure tobacco.

ore than 100 all steel passenger will be in use on the Pennsylvania oad between Pittsburg and New shortly after January 1.

422.25, which is a record cargo. se regulation requiring soldiers to Banner" is being played is modiso as to permit the men to stand

and to salute only at the last note e czar and the douma will clash e rebuilding of the Russian navy rtelyon denies that he is a candi-

for the Republican presidential ireless messages from the fleet that it is making good progress in

ourney south tte mobs have defied 'the Federal

's orders and deported nonunion hone linemen. ectric power has been cut off at field and the mines have had to

and temporarily. stice Gould has enjoined the Amer-Federation of Labor from boycot-

the Buck Stove & Range company.

han Poulsen, of the Imman P-oulsen ny, of Portland, told the Inter-Commerce commission his com-

could make money even with the sed lumber rate on railroads. attempt was made to hold up a

ern Pacific west bound train 10 te and other explosives were also

for a deer.

ach troops have repulsed an atf tribesmen near Ain Sfa, Algeria. Japanese ambassador to France that his country is after another

negie would base the issue of paoney on the gold reserve instead ernment bonds.

told the Interstate Commerce ssion that it means a loss of \$80 to keep the old lumber rate in

retary Taft is having a rough passross the Atlantic and his versel a day or two late in reaching

or men propose to fight river and

#### ROUSEVELT AS A SAINT.

Russian Peasants Worship Picture of President

San Francisco, Dec. 17 .- Americana think a great deal of President Theodore Roosevelt, but it has been reserved for the Russian peasants settled in Eastern Siberia to reverence the well the St. Francis hotel.

class of Russian peasants, and know of De Armond caused blocd to flow down nothing about the cutside world," the face of Williams and only the forc said Denbigh. "In every house, no ible intervention of friends cut the commatter how poor it may be, there is but short. De Armond bare away a sure to be an ikon of some kind, and if scuffed nose. it is possible for the owner of the place, he also has a picture of a saint. committee assignments for the Sixtieth

gone over the world, and can be found asking one of my men from the Ural portant offices were retained in them. mountain district, who had never heard of Roosevelt, what picture he had in his tent. He at once told me that it was one of St. Peter-without the beard and with specs on. Curious ture and claims. to see such a picture, I went to the hut and found that it was a chromo of the good fortune since he had obtained the picture of the 'holy saint.' "

#### MEXICO'S ANNUAL EXPENSE

What It Costs to Conduct Affairs of Southern Republic.

Mexico City, Dec. 17 .- In congress vesterday the report of the minister of finance was read and the budget for the coming year was made public. The estimated receipts for the coming year he Illinois Smupree court has de-dunconstitutional the law forbiud-tures will reach \$103,203,842, leaving an estimated surplus of \$181,158. The total increase of this year's budget is \$6,595,275, the largest item in the increase being for \$1,367,589 for maintenance of the department of war.

The revenues for the fiscal year just ended total \$114,062,000, the expendiof \$14,077,989. The surplus of the previous year, \$29,049,081, and the falling off of the past year, was due to large sums spent in public works-\$17,-208,608. Minister Limanteur mainn Atlanic liner arrived at New tained that the recent crisis in the a few days ago with only seven United States would make itself felt in the coming year in Mexico, in that investments would be curtailed. Interest rates are higher, but this would only affect mining industries. He believed that in the end it would work for

### RELIEF FOR VICTIMS.

Committe Faking Contributions to Be Sent to Mononga.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 17 .- The Governor Dawson, to provide for the Culberson spoke on widows and orphans in distress through the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Mononbe liner Oceanic, which has just gah, today prepared an appeal for funds d for Europe from New York, car- that is being sent to chambers of com 85.107 money orders, worth \$1,- merce and kindred organizations all over the country. Contributions of clothing, toys for the orphans at Christmas time and similar donations are to be sent to W. H. Moore, mayor of Monongah, and chairman of the committee, looking after the temporary wants of the victims.

The appeal says that fully 250 widows and 1,000 children are left without any means of support. As near as can be determined. \$50,000 from all sources has been subscribed. The committee feels that a total of \$200,000 will be required to arry on the relief work. All checks should be made payable to the Monongah Mines Rehef committee, J. E. Sands, treasurer, Fairmont, W. Va.

## Rich O | Strike

Santa Barbara, Cal, Dec. 17 .- A tel ephone message from Santa Maria, 50 militia of the several states, territories miles north of here, brought the infor- and the Distriact of Columbia to conmation this afternoon that the Union Oil company had struck a wonderful June 21, 1973, which was necessary in gusher which threw a wast stream of order that the militia of several states petroleum over the derrick and continued to flow at the rate of 7,000 barrels that have wen made. state does not seem to be making a day. At the present price of oil this progress in the Pettibone trial, means \$3 500 a day from this one well. Fulton gets his old chairmanship of Wood will not permit Colorado This is the second largest gusher ever claims, is transferred from military troubles to be brought into the struck in California. The largest was affairs to judiciary and goes off the ir-# 10,000-barre! well, but it has since rigation and public health committees. declined considerably.

# Still in Race for Senate

Des Doines, Iowa, says that Governor tures of the department of justice. Cumming, of Iowa referring to his suggested candidacy for the Republican gation and Piles of the coast and insupresidential nomination, said: "I have east of Spokane. Later one man no thought of surrendering my candihight and another wounded. Dy- dacy for United States senator. The suggestion about the presidency is new here, although I have heard about it in dontana forest ranger has been other states. I do not intend to do State Legislature: House joint meanything that will take me out of the moria No. 54, favoring legislation for race for senator."

## Fiat Money Saves Life

Dunbar, a prominent insurance broker No. 20, favoring the promotion of Colof Honolulu, while on his way to meet onel James Jackson to the grade of briga party of friends last night, fell adier general on the retired list, and gauge tracks of the Northwestern Paci- crease in pensions of Indian war veterans fie railroad and caught his foot so that he would have been crushed to death beneath an approaching handear had he not ignited a clearing house certifiate will be taken by the Italian ambas-aand used it for a danger signa)

Forty Lives Lost.

day, which was described by Caplain appropriations by congress for Jameson, of the steamship St. Loui They say two-thirds of the as the worst in his experience, subs revenue is derived from the ed yesterday. It was responsible for the loss of some 40 lives.

# DOINGS OF THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

of teeth, as that of a saint. That they nately smoldered and blazed between do so is asserted to be a fact by Alex- John Sharp Williams, of Mississ ppi, ander G. Denbigh, who arrived on the leader of the minority, and David A steamer Siberia, and is now staying at De Armond, of Missouri, culminated in a fist fight today on the floor of the "The people there are of the lowest house of representatives. The blows

Speaker Cannon today announced the "The picture of our president has congress. Many changes from the last congress are made, but in the main the in many queer places. I remember members who had heretofore held im-In the assignments Northwest mem-

bers have been placed as follows: Oregon-Ellis, on naval affairs, irri-

Washington-Jones, on rivers and harbors; Cushman, on interstate compresident of the United States. The merce and private land claims; Humphman assured me that he had the best of rey, on elections, education, merchant

marine and fisheries. Idaho-French, on immigration, public lands and mines.

During its two hours and twenty minutes' session the house got down to actual work and transacted considerable make this possible was the announcement of the committee appointment which was made today by the speaker. The several chairmen became alert with regard to their rights, and forced the reference to committees of several propositions on which immediate action was desired. This was not accomplished, however, without more or less debate, journed at 3:15 p. m. which at times grew warm.

The first money appropriated by the present congress was awarded today. The amount was \$50,000, and it is to be used in supply of the seed deficiency tures \$100,208,132, leaving a surplus government seed warehouse in this city. The house will meet again on Satur-Christmas holidays will be taken.

Wednesday, December 18.

Washington, Dec. 18 .- In the senate today resolutions were introduced by Tillman, asking the Interstate Commerce commission to report whether any corporation engaged in interstate tions. Both houses agreed to adjourn commerce is the owner of the stock of on Saturday for the Christmas holiany other corporation carrying passen. days, the recess to continue until Janugers and freight, and calling on the In- ary 6. The house then adourned until terstate Commerce commission to de. Thursday. fine the Federal law and the laws of the states in respect to control of the liquor traffic under the interstate commerce law.

after toutine business on Saturday to muster into service. adjourn until January 6.

Tuesday, December 17

Washington, Dec. 17 .- Aside from the appointment of committees, which took piece at the beginning of today's session of the senate, the need of improvement of the inland waterways was the chief subject in that body today. Newlands, of Nevada, spoke for two hours on his bill providing an inland waterway commission and for the development of inland waterways of the comptry.

Dick, extending the time allowed the age. form to the provisions of the set of might take wivantage of appropriations

In the senate committee assignments

Bourne is chairman of the fisheries committee and is a member of the coast defenses, postoffices and post roads, other class of food. St. Paul, Dec. 17 .- A special from public health railroads and expendi-

Senstor Ankeny is chairman of irri-

Hawley Presents Memorials.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Representative Hawley has presented to the house the following memorials of the Oregon the relief of settlers on unsurveyed the pensioning of veterans of the Ban- fied. San Rafael, Cal., Dec. 17 .- Stewart nock war; senate concurrent resolution

Ambassador to Investigate

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Prompt steps dor, Mayor des Planches, to ascerts in the exact facts concerning the shooting and killing of three Italians who had London, Dec. 17.—The gale glong been imported to wo k in the camps of the British coast on Friday and Satur- the Tremont Lun b r company. The probabilty is that the case will reach the investigation to be conducted by regarding the tragedy.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The spirit of changed. Heyburn is unchanged. Boknown picture, which shows the gleam rivalry that for five years has alter rah is chairman of the standards and weights committee.

Monday, December 16. Washington, Dec. 16 .- A speech by Senator Tillman, filled with denunciation of the president, the secretary of the treasury, and the department of justice, of financiers and "captains of industry," was the chief subject of interest in the senate today. His redirecting an investigation by the committee on finance of the recent bond issues by the Treasury department and of the issuance of clearing house certificates throughout the country.

The two senators from Oklahoma were sworn into office today. Senator Money presented the credentials of Robert L. Owen and Senator Culberson gation and lands; Hawley on agricul those of Thomas P. Gore, the blind senstor.

> The terms of the two senators then were drawn by lot. Senator Owen secured the six-year term and Senator Gore the two-year term.

> Senator William P. Frye was today

senate. Senator Culberson introduced a resolution directing a congressional investigation of the cause of the present finanbusiness. All that had remained to cisl stringency and calling on the committee on finance to recommend meascountry. He desired to have this resolution considered at once, but in the absence of Senator Aldrich chairman of the committee on finance, it was allowed to go over. A number of other bills were introduced. The senate ad-

Washington, Dec. 16 .- Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, today introduced the old Blaine bill to admit into all ports of the Unitcaused by the destruction by fire of the ed States free of duty all products of the American hemisphere upon which no export duties are imposed whatever day, on which day adjournment for and so long as such nation shall admit to its port free of all taxes certain United States products.

The house session was limited to 25 minutes and little business beyond the introduction of bills was transacted. The speaker announced the appointment of the committee on aproppria-

Bills for the Northwest.

Washington, Dec. 20.-Congressman Humphrey, of Washington, has intro-These resolutions provoked consider- duced a bill providing that any passenable debate and were finally referred to ger vessel engaged in tri-weekly trade committee, though one of them was between the United States and foreign ports shall be exempt from entrance Culberson spoke on his resolution and clearance fees and tonnage taxes calling on the committee on finance to while such service is maintained. Ellis, investigate and report upon the cause of Oregon, introduced a bill authoriz of the present financial stringency and ing payment to officers and enlisted to recommend me-sures for the preven- men of the Second regiment, Oregon tion of a recurrence. The re-olution Volunteer Infantry, for special service was referred to the committee on fi- in the Philippines the difference between travel pay allowed them on their The senate, on motion of Allison, discharge from service and the rate agreed to adjourn until Saturday and provided by law at the time of their

Letters Will Reach Fleet.

Washington, Dec. 19 .- The Navy department today sent a wireless message to Captain J. B. Mordock, of the battleship Rhode Island, with the Atlantic fleet en route to Trinidad, informing him that his wife, who has been seriously ill, is better. For the benefit of friends and relatives of the sailors on the battleships, the Navy department wishes it made known that mail matter destined for the 15,000 men affoat in the big ships can be sent at The senate adopted the resolution of the regular rates for domestic post-

Meat is the Only Food.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The peanut diet, the man who upholds sauerkraut as the panacea of all stomachic ills, the exponents of herbaceons living of all kinds, receive a body blow in a bulletin just issued by the United States department of agriculture. The bulletin was prepared by Dr. H. S. Grindley, professor of general chemistry at the university of Il inois, and shows that all kinds of meat are more easily digested and

Will Retain Office for Present.

Washington, Dec. 17. - Attorney Generl Bonaparte has persistently refused to discuss the Bristol case since official notice was given out from the White House that the nomination would be withdrawn. Henry C. Gauss. private secretary to Bonaparte and his mouthpiece in many public matters, said today that Mr. Bristol would conands; senate joint resolution favoring cessor should be appointed and quali-

Hears Packers' Objections.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- The proposed new beef inspection regulation of the through a cattle guard on the narrow senate joint resolution favoring an in- department of agriculture was the sub- tion investigations, office of experiment drawal will be allowed each depositor. ject of a hearing given by Secretary stations. Pp. 30, figs. 4. Wilson t day to a committee representing the American Beef Packers' association and other packers throughout the country. The packers were requested to submit their objections in writing, with the assurance that they would be carefully considered.

New Northwest Postmasters

Washington, Dec. 20 .- Postmasters the State · e artment in the event that appointed: Oregon-Dale, Barney V. Shultz, vice Craig Thom, resigned. the Italian officials bears out the report Washington - Salkum, Mack Hiday, vice Klass Bezemer, resigned.

BARE SUMMER FALLOW.

Agricultural College Makes Interesting Experim nts. By A. L. Knisely, Oregon Agricultural College

Oregon Agricultural college, looking for interesting and instructive object lessons, there may be seen north of the old barn and just to the south of the path leading to the orchard, an enclosure containing some very interesting ARE REVIEWED BY PRESIDENT experiments. This enclosure contains an oblong box probably ten feet long, three feet wide and three feet deep. In this box are installed four galvanized Sight Is One That Brings Forth Adiron tanks or pots, each holding aproximately 500 pounds of soil. Each pot is provided with a drainage spout so that all water leaching through the soil marks were based on his resolutions in these pots may be collected and measured and analyzed.

Many larmers practice bare summer fallow and the question often aris s as to the go d or bad effects arising from this practice.

fallow be discouraged? It was for the purpose of answering this question that these experiments in the galvanized iron pots were started.

same soil thoroughly mixed so that each pot w s identical with the others. Since that time part of the pots have been bare summer fallowed, whilst othsworn in as president pro tem of the grain. The leachings from each pot uificent four-mile line of fighting vesduring the rainy season have been carefully saved and analyzed with the result that invariably the leaching from the bare summer fallow pots carried from two to over six times as much nitrogen as did the leachings from the pots that ures for the immediate relief of the had not been bare summer fallowed. The first few weeks of leachings in the fall carry most of the soluble nitrate nitrogen. The amount of nitrogen leached out of the soil in one month in the fall was equivalent to approximately 6 pounds per acre in soll not summer fallowed and over 40 pounds per acre where the soil had been thoroughly

summer fallowed. From the plant food point of view bare summer fallow cannot be recom-

Summer fallow aerates the soil, conerves moisture and oxidizes the organc matter of the soil, converting much of the organic nitrogen first into ammonia compounds and then into nitrate nitrogen; that is into a form which easily leaches from the soil and is lost to the farmer, whilst organic nitrogen does not readily leach out of the soil. At times bare summer fallow may be de si able but usually it is to be condemned.

BROOME GRASS.

Director of Experiment Station Says It Has Been Overdone.

By H. T. French, Director Experiment Station Moscow, Idaho.

In response to numerous inquiries regarding out experiences with Bromus inermis, I take occasion to present the on foreign journals freely declared that following brief account of the results thus far attained on the experiment sta-

the farm in small plats, and in pasture were maneuvered into single column fields, for six or seven years. Where formation, and the perfect alignment it has been allowed to stand unmolested, which was maintained to the southward it has produced a defise sod, and com- turn from the cape called out the warmparatively little growth after the second est admiration. The thrill of the beanor third year.

ground disturbed by harrowing, it has lost on the horizon. made a much better growth. Around the borders of fields where the land is will bring it to Trinidad on Christmas

it has been somewhat overestimated for be held. Hundreds of good-bye telegeneral use; but that it has a place as a grams were flashed to the ships by grass to be used in out-of-the-way wireless telegraph as they left the roadplaces, where it can not, on account of stead and had turned down the souththe nature of the soil, form a dense sod. ern coast. Such a place would be found on stony land, or rocky hill sides.

It will produce one or two good crops on farm lands, then it should be either plowed up and a crop of grain taken off, or else given a good discing to prevent its forming such a dense sod. This grass, like most of the others, will do best on rich mo st land; but at the tons: Minnesota, 16,000 tons; Ohio, same time will withstand Fevere 12,500 tons; Maine, 12,500 tons; Misdrought, if the sod does not become too dense.

er the grass or hay made from it if it is Culgoa, supply ship, 5,725 tons; Glacut early.

Publications on Farming.

The following publications of interest to farmers and others have been issued by the Agricultural department of the Federal government and will be furmore completely assimilated than any nished free, so long as they are available, except where otherwise noted, upon application to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing

Office, Washington, D. C .: Farmers' Bulletin No. 46 .- Irrigation in Humid Climates. By F. H. King, professor of agricultural physics, college of agriculture, University of Wisconsin, and physicist of the Wisconsin agricultural experiment station. Pp. 27, figs. 4. Treats of the necessity, advantages, and methods of suptinue as district attorney until his suc- plemental irrigation in humid regions. Circular No. 65 .- Irrigation From Upper Snake River, Idaho. By H. G. Raschbacher. Pp. 16, figs. 1.

Circular No. 67 .- Investigations of Irrigation Practice in Oregon. By A. P. Stover, Irrigation Engineer, irriga-

Creamed Oysters.

Cook together a tablespoonful of butter and one of flour, and when they bubble pour upon them a large cup of cream or very rich milk, to which a pinch of baking soda has been added, and a gill of oyster liquid. Stir in a smooth sauce, lay in the oysters, season with sait and white peoper, and cook until the edges just begin to curl, then pour in gradually, stirring all the time, two well-beaten eggs. Cook for only half a minute and serve.

# BIG FLEET IS UFF

In taking a walk over the farm at the Sixteen Battleships Start Out for Pacific Ocean.

miration of Every Spectator, Many Being Foreigners.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 17 .-Sixteen hard hitting, steel belted American battleships, guns bristling and burly of girth, but sparkling white in Should the practice of bare summer their immaculate dressings of peace, started away yesterday under the dazzling sun of a cloudless winter sky, on their famous twin sea expedition of In 1900 all pots were filled with the 14,000 miles along foreign aboves and in changing climes to the west coast of the United States. President Roosevelt, on the bridge of his cruiser-yacht, ers have been growing crops, usually of the Mayflower, personally led the magsels during first stage of the voyage. From the anchorage grounds in Hampton Roads to the Horeshoe bend of Chesapeake bay his eagle-crested flag of blue pointed the way to the fleet's new home at the Golden Gate. Then, when the wide reaches of the sea were visible through the wide-swung capes of Virginia, he turned seide and, coming to anchor again, reviewed the passing

> The blue of the sky, the stretch of green sea miles, the glistening of spotless hulls, the curl of foam-crested bow waves, the cheering of salors afloat and friends ashore, the breeze-blown strains of "Auld Lang Syne," floating across the waters, the blare of trumpets, the ruffle of drums, the flash of signals and the boom of saluting cannon marked the departure of the fleet, presenting to the people who watched it a spectacle they will never forget and to the world at large the reality of the trimmest, most homogeneous, most thoroughly equipped, most mobile and selfreliant assemblage of first class battleships ever

gathered in one command. There will not be a ship in the line old enough to have smelled powder er to have taken the shot of Manila or Santiago-stories written scarcely 10 years ago in the history of nations. All were modern of design, examples of the aggressive seagoing navy which the president has declared to be so essen-

tial to the peace of the country. Attaches of foreign legations and embassies at Washington and many correspondents who have seen war service yesterday's naval display was the most impressive they had ever seen. The Broome grass has been growing on handled, the manner in which they tiful marine picture was felt until the Where it has been re-seeded, or the last wind blown spiral of smoke was

The first part of the fleet's journey cultivated the growth is rank and coarset eve, and there, smid the heat of the My opinion of broome grass is, that tropics, the Christmas celebrations will

> These vessels made up the fleet which sailed yesterday under command of Rear Admiral Robley D Evans:

Connecticut, 16,000 tons; Louisiana, 16,000 tons; Kansas, 16,000 tons; Vermont, 16,000 tons; Georgia, 14,948 tons; Virginia, 14,948 tons; New Jersey. 14,948 tons; Rhode Island, 14,948 souri, 12,500 tons; Alabama, 11,525 tons; Illinois, 11,525 tone; Kearsarge, All kinds of stock seem to relish eith- 11.525 tons; Kentucky, 11,525 tons; cier, supply ship, 7,000 tons; Panther, repair ship, 3,380 tons; Yankton,

All Quiet in Japan.

tender, 975 tons.

Tokio, Dec. 17 .- The announcement of the sailing of the Atlantic fleet of the United States navy has not been received by the newspapers of Tokio or by the government officials. All public men who have been interviewed by the Associated Press representative accept the sailing of the fleet as a foregone conculsion and it is not likely that the actual start will cause the slightest ripple of excitement. Everyone accepts the assurances of friendship offered by America concedes the right of that nation to send its warships to the Pacific.

Short of Cash in Alaska

Seattle, Dec. 17 .- A special from Fairbanks, Alaska, says: Today the Washington-Alaska and First National bank of Fairbanks will go on a clearing house basis. Only \$50 a day with-A committee of depositors representing the Fairbanks Banking company, which recently closed its dcors, reported today that the assets exceeded the liabiliites by \$354,815 and the bank will probably open on a clearing house bas's scon.

Gold Movement \$105,350,000

New York, Dec. 17 .- The Guarantee Trust company today announced the engagement of \$500,000 in gold for import. Lazard Freres have engaged an additional \$1,600,000 in gold for import. This makes the total movement \$105,350,000.