

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

## HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Rio Janeiro is preparing hospitality for the battleship fleet.

The governor has ordered out troops to suppress the Muncie, Ind., riots.

The countess of Yarmouth, Harry Thaw's sister, is suing for a divorce.

Witte and Kuropatkin have had a wordy controversy over the Russo-Japanese war.

Banks of the country have made a large increase in business for the year just ended.

Seven of the nine companies of United States infantry at Goldfield have been withdrawn.

Foraker denounces the method of holding Ohio primaries, while Taft men defend them.

A hospital ship will be equipped at the Mare Island navy yard which will meet the big fleet at Magdalena bay.

Judge Hunt has sent four Butte labor leaders to jail for contempt in connection with the telephone strike in that city.

Europe is anxiously watching developments between the United States and Japan. The next two months are considered critical.

The State bank of Rocky Fork, Colo., has suspended.

Asiatic labor is causing a crisis in British colonies.

Leaders of the Russian Revolutionary party have been arrested.

Rockefeller has given another \$2,000,000 to Chicago university.

Receivers have been appointed for the Seaboard Air Line railroad.

Vancouver, B. C., laboring men are bitter in their denunciation of Asiatic labor.

Recognizing the improved condition of finances in the United States, England has lowered the rate of discount on gold.

Rioting is in progress at Muncie, Ind., where a street strike is on. The governor threatens to send troops if peace is not restored.

Russian police discovered a plot to kill the dowager empress. So sure were the conspirators that they issued invitations to the funeral.

Count Boni and Prince de Sagan engaged in a street fight in Paris. The count is Anna Gould's ex-husband and the prince has several times been reported engaged to Madame Gould.

Federal troops at Goldfield will be reduced to two companies.

Secretary Taft advocates free trade with the Philippines in sugar and tobacco.

Ambassador Aoki has started for Japan, confident of settling the immigration question.

The government has replied to the Standard Oil company, saying that its fine of \$29,240,000 is perfectly just.

All indictments against Colorado coal land grabbers have been quashed. The court could find no law applicable.

New York mothers have declared war on the nerve-racking initiations of the societies of private and public schools maintained by girls.

George Edward Adams, who stole about \$60,000 from miners while in the Seattle assay office, will leave prison worth a quarter of a million.

In a speech by Secretary Taft it was declared that the money panic was due mainly to dishonest finance. He also said socialism will come if a moneyed oligarchy grows up.

Roosevelt predicts Taft's nomination on the first ballot.

A blanket of snow covers the Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska.

Lord Curzon has been persuaded to re-enter English politics.

An eminent French doctor says Kaiser William has consumption.

English are protesting against slavery in the Portuguese colonies.

Kansas City theaters have given up the fight against Sunday closing.

Nearly \$1,000,000 more graft by the Schmitz gang has been discovered.

North Carolina has again refused to pay the bonds issued during the reconstruction days.

There is a monster shipment of war material on the San Francisco docks billed for Manila.

The San Francisco health board has appealed to the people to continue the extermination of rats.

Roosevelt has allowed troops to remain in Goldfield on the promise of Governor Sparks to call a special session of the legislature.

New York is overrun by hundreds of unemployed.

State Treasurer Steel, of Oregon, has filed his new bond in the sum of \$635,000.

## FEELING IS BITTER.

Vancouver Is Aroused by Latest Attack of Japanese.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 3.—While at no stage did the fight between the three city firemen and the Japanese reach anything like the dimensions of the September riots, the incident has revived the bitterest feeling. After all the explanations and apologies that have been made, both civic and governmental, citizens of Vancouver did not believe it possible that an attack such as occurred could be made.

All three victims are still alive, though at least two are disfigured for life. Young Frost, a fine-looking athlete, had his nose sliced off by one of the sword-like knives of the Japanese. The other men, though fearfully injured, are recovering. McDonald was removed to his home, while Anderson is still in the hospital with Frost.

The most serious feature in the popular view is that the Japanese section is practically an armed camp against the whites of Vancouver. Two thousand men live together there, ready to murder any one who makes the slightest disturbance. The present instance is regarded as particularly flagrant, because the young men were in uniform, with firemen's caps, and for all they knew the Japs might have been assaulting policemen.

The truth is simply being forced home to the entire city that the Japanese here are barbarians enough to murder on the slightest provocation. Vancouver has been a little ashamed of herself since the night of the September riots, but the frightful attack is just now being regarded in some quarters as showing complete justification.

## MAY SUE HARRIMAN.

Bonaparte Soon to Issue Statement on Railroad Merger.

Washington, Jan. 3.—"Within a week or ten days the department of justice will issue a statement regarding the ownership by the Union Pacific of stock of the Southern Pacific," said Attorney General Bonaparte. "It had been contemplated to issue the statement earlier, but the absence in Europe of special counsel employed by the government has caused the delay."

While the attorney general will not admit at this time that the statement will be the announcement of proceedings against the Union Pacific for violation of the law prohibiting restraint of trade, there is excellent authority for the statement that it will be. The department of justice, according to one of its high officials, has reached the conclusion arrived at by the Interstate Commerce commission that the control which the Union Pacific has obtained over the Southern Pacific by the purchase of stock is in violation of the law and amounts in substance to the merging of two competing railways.

Not only will the government proceed for a dissolution of the merger and a restoration of the competition which prevailed before the Union Pacific bought Southern Pacific stock, but the courts will be asked, it is stated by an official of the department, to break up the combine under which the two railroads are alleged to operate their steamships.

## NIGHT RIDERS FIRE A TOWN.

Burns Tobacco Warehouses in Russellville and Wounds Men.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 3.—A long distance telephone message to the American from Russellville, Ky., says that night riders visited that town at 12:45 o'clock this morning. The tobacco warehouse of H. G. Work & Company and the American Snuff company were dynamited and burned. The planing mill of Roberts & Brown and three other smaller houses were more or less damaged.

Many shots were fired, and it is reported that two men, one of them a commercial traveler, were wounded.

Russellville is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants and it is the county seat of Logan county, which borders on the Tennessee line. It is in the heart of the dark tobacco district and but one county, Todd county, separates it from Christian and Trigg counties, the scene of the recent depredations in and around Hopkinsville. Further details were not obtainable at 3 o'clock this morning.

## Smelters Are Closed Down.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 3.—The American Smelting & Refining company, it is authoritatively announced here tonight, will shortly close down several of its smelting plants because of the depression in the lead market. At the East Helena plant today the company reduced its force 100 men and tomorrow a 10 per cent reduction in wages will be posted for the 250 men who are retained. Manager Frank M. Smith, of the local plant, received notice several days ago from officials of the company that the smelter would be closed.

## Rebel Against Zelaya.

Panama, Jan. 3.—Advises from Bocas del Torres say that passengers arriving there from Bluefields, Nicaragua, report that the Mosquito Indians have risen against the government of President Zelaya, who is accused by them of being responsible for the death of their chief. Conditions were considered so serious by the commander of the British man-of-war cruising in Nicaraguan waters that bluejackets were landed to protect the interests of foreigners.

## Growth of New York Values.

New York, Jan. 3.—Controller Metz, in a review yesterday on the growth of the city in the ten years since consolidation said that the assessed valuations of real estate owned by the people had advanced from \$2,532,416,819 in 1898 to \$6,240,486,602 in 1907.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## ASK TIME ON RANGE TAX.

Wallowa Sheepmen Don't Want to Pay \$14,000 Until Next August.

Enterprise—At a meeting of the Wallowa County Woolgrowers, in this city, resolutions were adopted requesting the government to defer collection of range dues until after shearing, or about August 1. The sheepmen of Wallowa pay about \$14,000 for rent of ranges, and this would be hard to raise under the present scarcity of money.

It was recommended that the present county bounty of \$1.50 a head on coyotes be continued, and 1 1/2 cents a head tax on sheep be levied to pay for it. There are 146,000 sheep being fed in Wallowa county this winter. Twenty-two sheepmen joined the state association and with the \$2 yearly dues and \$2 assessment on each 1,000 sheep sheared last June, the sum of \$257 was collected and sent to the state body.

## ALBANY GOING A-BOOSTING.

Plans Forming for Excursion into Southern California.

Albany—Plans are progressing favorably for Albany's "boosting" excursion to Los Angeles. M. H. Gibbons, who is arranging the trip, stated that practically enough business men had signified their intention of going to assure the excursion. The party will leave Albany probably Feb. 10, in a special car, which will be decorated with appropriate banners, and everywhere in California literature will be distributed advertising Albany and Lind county. The party will make stops at Red Bluff, Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, Bakersfield and Los Angeles and receptions will be arranged for it at each point. At Los Angeles the party will disband and its members will return whenever they desire.

## Signs of Oil at Bonanza.

Bonanza—The possibilities of developing oil wells in this immediate vicinity are now more encouraging than at any previous time. In boring a well for a new livery stable in this town a strata of black oil sandstone was struck and specialists have pronounced it an unmistakable sign of the existence of oil. Several other places in Klamath county, especially in that portion surrounding Bonanza, show signs of oil. The prospects are good and the development of the same may result in the discovery of one of the richest oil regions on this coast.

## Warnings to Entrymen.

Lakeview—The numerous decisions rendered the commissioner of the general land office no longer leave any doubt in the minds of homesteaders as to what they must do if they expect to hold the lands in the Southern Oregon pine belt. In every case of contest where it was shown that the homesteader had failed to comply with the law in any particular, no matter how trivial, the decision has gone to the contestant and the homestead entry has been ordered cancelled.

## New Hospital Completed.

Chemawa—Frederick A. Erixon, of Salem, has completed and turned over to the Indian school the spacious brick hospital for which he had the contract. The contract price was \$19,978. The building is complete with steam heating, electric lighting, sewer system and the latest improved plan of ventilation. The building is well adapted for both sexes and is equipped with fumigating rooms and operating rooms. In addition to the dispensary, offices, etc.

## Gold Cane for Calbreath.

Salem—The medical staff of the Oregon state insane asylum last week presented Superintendent J. F. Calbreath with a fine goldcane cane as a token of their esteem. Dr. Calbreath has served eight years as superintendent and has enjoyed very harmonious relations with his subordinates and with the board of trustees. His second term ended January 1, when he was succeeded by Dr. E. L. Steiner.

## Colonizer at Klamath.

Klamath Falls—George L. McDonough, colonization agent of the Union Pacific railway, who is expected to arrive in Klamath Falls next week, is now at MacDoel, the new Dunkard town on the California Northeastern railway in Butte valley. He comes to Klamath Falls to become familiar with colonizing possibilities here. He will be accompanied by a Dunkard elder, D. C. Campbell, of Colfax, Wash.

## Eugene Invites Visitors.

Eugene—The promotion department of the Eugene Commercial club has had notices printed and will hang them in every depot in the state, to the effect that strangers will be made welcome at the rooms of the club, and inviting any visitors to visit the city of Eugene. The cards state that the club has nothing to sell, but in anxious to be of any service it can to strangers.

## Sawmill in Christmas Sock.

Marshfield—The new office building of the big planing plant of the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing company was opened and dedicated Christmas Eve. Festivities were held and many citizens attended. The office building is now completed and in use. The mill proper will be finished and ready for operation in February.

## Wheat Moving Again.

Pendleton—Now that wheat has gone up to 70 cents in the local wheat market some of the growers are selling. For a time the price was down to 66 cents, and very little was being sold.

## APPLE SHIPMENTS INCREASE

Railroads Give Out Figures Showing Oregon's Sale of Fruits.

Portland—More than twice as many apples were shipped out of this state during 1907 than in 1906, according to reports compiled by the railroads. The Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. lines have completed figures showing the cars of apples shipped from every point on the allied line, and the total number of cars is a surprise.

"Nearly all these apples were bought f. o. b. at the station nearest the orchards," said General Freight Agent Miller, of the Harriman lines. "This shows the fruit is in demand, and Eastern buyers come here in search of it. The prices this season are better than ever before. One station on our lines that never shipped an apple before this year sent away 40 cars to the East a short time ago. This indicates how the apple industry is going ahead. I predict it will only be a few years before apple growing will be one of the biggest activities of Oregon people."

## Can't Use Wood.

Burns—The forest rangers of the Blue mountain forest reserve have fined several Harney citizens for cutting timber in the reserve without permits from the forest guards. The largest fine imposed was on B. A. Dickenson, who operates a sawmill about eight miles from Harney. He was caught taking timber from government land and fined \$300 for about 17 trees. The sawmill men have been making this practice for years before the reserve was created, and thought it no harm to continue the practice. Last fall was the first time a forest guard has been stationed here to give permits for cutting timber for wood and other purposes. There has always been plenty of timber outside the reserve for wood and timber for building purposes until lately, when it was all secured by outside people, to be transferred in time to large timber companies.

## Board Raises Teachers' Pay.

Oregon City—The teachers of the city schools will receive a substantial increase in salaries next year. This was assured at the annual meeting of the local district, at which a special tax of 3 1/2 mills was levied. The levy is 1 milli excess of the recommendations of the board of directors, and the excess will be added to the salaries of the teachers, making the amount expended next year about \$10,000, in comparison with \$8,000 for the year just closed. The annual report of the directors shows the schools to be in a flourishing condition, and the financial report shows that the floating indebtedness is \$900 less than last year.

## Short Courses Popular.

Corvallis—Much interest is being manifested in the coming short courses at the Oregon Agricultural college. No pains have been spared to make the work this year more complete and extensive than ever before, and some of the best lecturers in the state are on the program. The new short courses begin January 7 and include instruction in general agriculture, dairying, horticulture, mechanical arts, and household science.

## Clyde Sayne Acting President.

Salem—The executive committee of the state normal schools has elected C. E. Payne, of the department of science at Ashland normal, to serve as acting president for the remainder of this year in the place of B. F. Mulkey, resigned.

## PORTLAND MARKET.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35@37 1/2c per pound.  
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8 1/2@9c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6 1/2c.  
Poultry—Average old hens, 12c per pound; mixed chickens, 11 1/2c; spring chickens, 11@12c; roosters, 8c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, 15c; dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 15c; ducks, 14c; pigeons, 11@15c; squabs, 22@3c.  
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 32 1/2c per dozen.  
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6@6 1/2c; packers, 6@6 1/2c.  
Wheat—Club, 83c; bluestem, 85c; valley, 83c; red, 81c.  
Oats—No. 1 white, 28c; gray, 28c.  
Barley—Feed, \$27 per ton; brewing, \$31; rolled, \$30.  
Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33.  
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@23; clover, \$15; oat, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$15; vetch, \$14.  
Fruits—Apples, 75c@82 per box; peaches, 75c@81 per crate; pears, \$1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$9.50@12 per barrel.  
Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets \$1 per sack; beans, 7@9c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@81 per dozen; celery, \$3.25@3.50 per crate; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 11c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 16@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50 per box.  
Onions—\$1.75@1.85 per hundred.  
Potatoes—50@65c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$2.75 per cwt.  
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@7 1/2c per pound; olds, 1@2c per pound.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 13@20c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

## LADD WILL PAY.

Agrees to Meet Account of Busted Bank in Three Years.

Portland, Jan. 1.—W. M. Ladd has agreed to take over the assets of the Ross bank and pay all its deposits within three years.

Details of the plan were arranged yesterday in a conference between a committee of depositors, agents of Mr. Ladd, John Manning, district attorney, and W. C. Bristol, special counsel for the state, and for the American Surety company.

Mr. Ladd will not be prosecuted, but officers of the bank, Mr. Manning says, will be indicted next Monday.

Investigations of the smashed bank's accounts will be continued, in order to gather evidence for prosecution. Officers involved are J. Thorburn Ross, George H. Hill, T. T. Burkhart, J. E. Aitchison and F. M. Warren.

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# BIG LINER MISSING

Mount Royal With 400 Passengers Long Overdue.

OWNERS ABANDON ALL HOPES

Sailed December 7 From Antwerp for St. John, N. B., and Not Heard From Since.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 4.—A dispatch from Toronto says that R. has given up hope for the Mount Royal overdue from Antwerp with 400 passengers.

No Word Received.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 4.—No word has yet been received here of the Canadian Pacific liner Mount Royal, which left Antwerp on December 7, St. John, having on board 204 passengers, mostly Italians and Jews, besides a crew numbering more than 200 men.

The Canadian Pacific officials in this city, while expressing anxiety regarding the vessel, stated today that they believed the steamer probably had with some accident to her machinery which had caused her to drift from her course, and that she would be heard from in due time at some port.

May Have Gone to Rescue.

London, Jan. 4.—The non-arrival of the Allan line steamship Hesperus, which sailed from Greenock, Scotland, December 14, and is now a week overdue at Portland, Me., leads shipping men to believe that she has been with the Canadian Pacific liner Mount Royal, which is now long overdue at St. John, N. B.

BOYCOTT THE EXPOSITION

Seattle Unions Disgruntled at Action of Committee.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the Building Trades council last night, the assembly voted to call on labor organizations everywhere in the country to lend support to opposition to the 1909 fair. Action was taken after the executive committee of the exposition had refused to incorporate the building contracts a clause stating that only union men be employed.

J. E. Chillberg, president of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, after considering the demands of the union, the executive committee decided it could not discriminate. He subscribed for the exposition cause on all people. We do not object to union men. We refuse to be favorites."

By the declaration of the open policy, notices of which went into effect yesterday, causing the walking of 160 employes in the metal works of this city, Seattle is facing a strike which means that at least 100 men will become involved, and \$1,000,000 in building will be lost before a settlement is reached.

INFLUX OF JAPS.

Fifteen Hundred Coming to Vancouver From Honolulu.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 4.—The explained arrival of 300 Japanese in Vancouver yesterday and the prospect of an influx of another 1,200 within the next month from Honolulu are the features of the Oriental influx in Vancouver. Why the 200 came to Vancouver yesterday is a mystery. All the morning they poured in to town from the coast logging camps and some even from the American side of the boundary line. The house keepers of Japtown had a time housing them. Last night they were the usual crop of rumors that came in view of possible trouble. Officers of the Asiatic Exclusion bureau much perturbed over the event yesterday it was announced that at least 1,000 Japanese would come to Hawaii during the next three weeks.

Cost of New Year Celebrations.

New York, Jan. 4.—Men with a fond of figures say that New Year celebration cost \$1,750,000. At one restaurant that night there were over \$20,000, 2,000 quarts champagne being drunk. It was made away with 42,000 quarts of champagne and 66,000 quarts of other liquors to mention the barrels of other liquors consumed. Souvenir bottles were out in force and every hotel restaurant lost great quantities of champagne and other ware.

Way to Prolong Life.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Dr. J. C. Sargent, a physician of this city, announced today before the American Association for the Advancement of Science that he has discovered a method of prolonging human energy within the human body. He asserted that electricity stored in the human body can be released and used to do the work of prolonged life through the additional vitality imparted to the human body working an electrical generator.

All Lost Except Three.

City of Mexico, Jan. 4.—The Portia, second officer of the vessel, has arrived at Vera Cruz and reported that the vessel sank in a gale on the night of December 2, and that board were lost except three.