EWS OF THE WEEK

condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

PENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

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

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Arkansas river is over it banks teral places in Arkansas and flood serere wind storm has swept over

county, Kansas, but very little mades that swept Oklahoma west of Guthrie brought great age to crops and farm property.

gile of wind at Chicago preceded destrical storm which did consid-le damage in all parts of the city. illas, Tex., is without lights or table water. Residences in the desed district have been robbed by

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ance and Germany have agreed on in for the pacification of Morocco. arst is gaining in the recount of Yerk mayoralty ballots of the

typhoon at Hankow, China, cost than 1,000 lives and wrecked 500

Columbus, Ohio, boy invented a ine with which he has made sev-successful flights.

a Francisco supervisors are checkup the city treasurer's accounts. He eged to be short \$37,500.

hmon's managers predict his nome for democratic presidential canon the second or third ballot. others, besides doing much dam- many houses were unroofed.

Belgian consular agent at Rabat, and his home government is likely

C Stubbs says our Oriental trade estened if the ruling of the intermmerce commission regarding at rates on western roads holds. s Carrie Nation has been arrested Brinden.

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to crusers and five torpedo boats empany of militia is to be organat Honolulu, the first for the isi-

nator Bailey, of Texas, will go to emocratic national convention as

o Utah mining companies are g over a silver mine said to be ator Foraker is favoring Roose-

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igan for a murder committed in ado 15 years ago

ta, for trying to extort money.

troops of the pretender to the ent buildings and houses of the

hie preparations were in progress he funeral of a Kansas City man, drink.

a Harry Thaw has withdrawn her divorce. It is thought this is a to gain control of any property

3. Alfred Vanderbilt has secured sident Falberes, of France, is

mg King Edward. Seattle woman sent her daugh-

of a doctor and then committed

T. Hamilton, the last living of ral Custer's scouts, has just died e Presbyterian general assembly seek a closer union of the Pres-

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mator Slayden, of Texas, is opto the Scattle fair and says the

try is tiring of expositions. tre is a desperate effort in conto pass a currency bill by hold-

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a have accepted a cut in wages. ere than 100 government meat in-

MARK PACKAGES IN FULL.

Railroads Put Additional Burdens on Small Shippers.

Chicago, May 26 .- Besides determining to increase freight rates 10 per ent, the railroads in the "official classification" territory have agreed to add considerably to the burdens of the shippers of package freight. At the same meeting at which the rate inagreed that after July 1 they will not of destination.

of the Mississippi River and north of damage claims. On the other hand, it morrow or Saturday. will cost the shippers of package freight probably as much, or even ate was wrestling with the currency more, to perform the actual work re- question, the business of the house today quired in marking the shipments as prescribed by the railroads. It is also stated by the shippers that it will make impossible any secrecy regarding the identity of the customers of any business house.

On the contrary, any business house may, after the new rules go into effect, station men at railroad warehouses and learn in detail all about the shipments of competitors, to whom shipped and in what amounts. That this will have a tremendous effect upon this class of business is confidently asserted.
It has been the custom of the ship-

pers to mark their packages with an initial or some hieroglyphic, the key to which is to be found on the bill of lading. It was the theory that this would save the time and labor of the shipper and throw a certain amount of secrecy around the conduct of his business.

WHOLE STATE STORM SWEPT

Texas Suffers Untold Damage From Wind and Rain.

Austin, Texas, May 26 .- A terrific wind and rain storm swept Texas from the Panhandle to the Gulf early the following measures: Sunday. The destruction to crops and vegetables, trees and shrubbery was the greatest reported in years.

In numerous places houses were unin many instances were inundated by company; authorizing a resurvey of certain townships in Wyoming; grantthe terrific rainfall which, in the space ing to the interstate commerce commisof four hours, reached seven inches in sion additional authority in the matter many sections. Austin was in the of requiring reports of all accidents on path of the worst of the storm, and interstate carriers. for hours the streets were impassable for either man or beast, electric light and telephone connections were dis- to the bill granting obsolete ordnance

The agricultural sections of Central and Southern Texas have been imhas been maltreated by na- measurably damaged, according to measurably damaged, according to Washington, May 26.—The two floor general reports received here, badly leaders of the house again today occumany sections that are known to have suffered from the storm.

Muskogee is in Sorry Plight Without Heat or Light.

Muskogee, Okla., May 26.-Not a railroad in Oklahoma is in operation, democrats for their filibuster and said Congress. as a result of the heavy rains and for their course. cloudbursts that have occurred in various parts of the state during the past cused the majority of doing nothing in three days. The last road to suspend the present session and opposed the oroperations was the Missouri-Kansas tunity to reply to statements which he & Texas, which was forced to quit at felt in advance would call for an an- ing recess of Congress, military resernoon Sunday, when the bridge on the swermain line at Eufala went down.

To add to the disaster, the main ceeded at a rapid gait. supplying natural gas to the Indian The conference on the military acador another term, as he dislikes ried away with the Clarksville bridge Its consideration was marked by a viglate Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday, and the supply of gas orous speech by Mr. Siayura, the late Sunday orous speech by Mr. Siayur been entirely cut off. Officials of the gas company say it will be a week ex-member of the United States before repairs can be made so that service is in trouble at Flagstaff, the gas supply can again be carried.

Vehicle Falls Down Mountain.

San Jose, Cal., May 26.-Twentyone students, half the graduating class of the Santa Clara High School, were Mount Hamilton road at midnight Saturday night. The vehicle broke up when it started in its descent and most of the young people slid in safety down the mountain side in the cover of the vehicle. News of the accident reached this city early Sunday and a physician and nurses were disnatched to the scene in an automo-

West Guthrie Under Water. because of miles of rails being under in the way of accomplishment of the street railways water and dozens of bridges impassaday's session was the adoption of the Union Station. ble. No attempt is being made to operate trains east and west from Guthrie, while the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe south of Guthrie is impassable at Seward, between here and Oklahoma City.

Sentence Four to Death.

St. Petersburg, May 26 .- The courtmartial of eleven revolutionists, including four women, which began a few days ago, has resulted in the sendered that this amendment be insisted the enforcement of the new meat servitude. One was acquitted.

to by the conference. The senate of \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000. Townsend dered that this amendment be insisted to the insisted upon and continued Senators Penrose, annul the grant and restore the lands to the public domain.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Thursdas, May 28.

Washington, May 28 .- The anticipated streamous opposition to the adoption of the conference report on the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill in creases were decided upon, the repre- senate, according to the inference to be sentatives of more than 400 railroads drawn from the debate today, probably will not materialize. Aldrich kept the receive for shipment any packages in P. M., when he assented to its being report before the senate until nearly 4 less than carload lots which are not laid aside until 11 o'clock tomorrow, marked plainly with the name of the and the remainder of the time today consignee, the station and state of was devoted to the passage of unob consignee, the station and state of jected house bills on the calendar, consignee, the station, city and state Every senator realized that the meaning of this move was that an under-It is estimated that this action will standing had been reached to vote on save the railroads in the territory east the bill tomorrow. Inquiry proved the existence of this understanding, al the Ohio River to the seaboard, at made. The indications are, therefore, though no positive agreement has been least \$2,000,000 annually in loss and that congress will adjourn sine die to ference.

Washington, May 28. While the senwent merrily on. The following meas ures were passed: To establish two or more fish cultural stations on Puget Sound, Wash.; amending the laws of transportation between Hawaii and the United States by removing the penalty for earrying passengers from Hawaii to this country; providing for the entry of agricultural land in forest reserves; establishing an assay office at Salt Lake, Utah; incorporating the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and incorporating the Congressional Club, which is composed of wives and daughters of crators and representatives.

Wednesday, May 27.

Washington, May 27.-An emergency urrency law is assured. The currency question held its place today as pracically the only subject of consideration at both ends of the capitol, and when both houses adjourned the compromise bill, which was drafted by the republicin confrerees, had received the sanction of the house, and had been presented to the senate, where it was announced it would be taken up for consideration tomorrow and where it will

Washington, May 27.-Aside from

Requiring greater space and better accommodations on steamships steerage passengers; authorizing the sale of certain lands at the head of Cordova bay, Alaska, and granting relief to

The conference report on the omnibus tions also were agreed to.

Tuesday, May 26.

demoralized wire service occasioning pied the center of the stage and perslow and unsatisfactory reports from formed their usual feat of charging each other with responsibility for the evil OKLAHOMA TIED COMPLETELY presented by Mr. Payne, of New York, granting five days' leave after adjournment in which to' print in the Congressional Record the remarks that might have been, but were not made upon the floor. He took occasion to arraign the that republicans had no apology to make

The democratic leader, Williams, acder because it gave members no oppor-The order was adopted.

Following this debate business pro-

Refunding stamp taxes on foreign bills of exchange and certain duties on As natural gas is used for light and anthracite coal illegally collected; proheat, business will be suspended viding for the opening and settlement Elevators have been forced to stop of portions of the Cheyenne and Standrunning, and hotels and restaurants in Rock Indian reservations; promot have practically been put out of busi- ing the safety of the employes on rail roads by requiring the equipment of locomotives with ash cans that can be dumped without requiring an employe to crawl under the locomotive; promoting the safe transportation of explosives.

Washington, May 26.-The omnibus was considered and passed by the sen-Senator Newlands tried to amend by inserting his bill creating the Inland sion, Waterways Commission. He was met bills. with prompt opposition by Mr. Nelson.

Monday, May 25.

Washington, May 25.-An effort to

Insists on Subsidy Clause.

conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Washington, May 25 .- Working under heavy pressure with a single eye to adjournment at the earliest possible moment, the house today disposed of a great amount of business. Several

conference reports were agreed to and the following bills passed: Amending the navigation laws; removing the discriminations against native officers of the Porto Rican egiment of infantry; authorizing the Indian reservation; encouraging the development of coal deposits in Alaska; and prescribing penalties against the sale of clothing and gov-ernment property by soldiers. The ernment property by soldiers. The omnibus bill relating to disposition of the public land was sent back to con-

After an active debate of an hour and a half the project for a reduced hall of representatives was defeated by a large majority.

Saturday, May 23.

Washington, May 23.-Following a precedent the United States Senate killed off the attempt of the Western Senators to open the way to a constitutional amendment providing for the election of Senators by popular vote. The question came up on a resolution, offered by Owen, of Oklahoma, and after an unusually spirited debate, the resolution was referred to a committee, where it will be smothered to death

Fulton, of Oregon, was paired in favor of the resolution; Bourne was absent. Ankeny and Piles, of Washington, both favored the passage of the resolution, as did Borah, of Idaho, but Heyburn was opposed to it.

Washington, May 23.—The House again today wrestled with the subject of mail subsidies to steamhsip companies and once more recorded itself against the proposition by the vote of 145 to 154. The debate ran well into the night.

Having been overwhelmingly dealso be passed when the vote is reached. feated yesterday the conferees on the postoffice appropriation bill today came into the House with a new rethe currency bill the house today passed port, agreeing with the Senate on everything except the subsidy provision and that relating to the system for weighing the mails. The portion of the report on which there was no disagreement was adopted unanimously under an agreement to extend the roofed and small villages and hamlets the Alaska Terminal & Navigation time of debate on the subsidy ques-

Continues Land Fraud Cases.

Washington, May 28. - Arguments supporting the motion of the defense in Hyde-Benson land fraud case to lands bill and the senate amendments quash the indictments against the de-to the bill granting obsolete ordnance fendants were resumed Tuesday. Aspersodo which swept Alfalfa coun-and telephone connections were dis-to the bill granting obsolete ordnance fendants were resumed Tuesday. As-lika, killed 14 people and injured abled beyond immediate repair and to various institutions and organiza-sistant Attorney-General Pugh, opposing the motion, charged that the operations of Hyde and Benson were fraud-ulent, and that Joost Schneider, one of the defendants, knew they were illegal. very closely in this section. I do not

Publicity Bill Referred.

Washin-ton, May 26.-The camconditions at present existing in that paign publicity bill, with the Crumbody. It came about through an order packer amendment, restricting repreentation, which was passed by the House Friday, was laid before the Senate Saturday. Without discussion the bill was referred to the committee on privileges and elections, where it will remain until the last session of

Visit Military Reservations.

Washington, May 26 .- A resolution been adopted by the Senate authorizing the committee on military affairs to visit, during the comvations concerning which it may be considered desirable to obtain infor-

Troops Will Stay in Cuba.

Washington, May 28 .- In several conerences between President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and General Bell, it has been decided not to withdrawn troops from Cuba at the present time. This decision was reached, it is said, upon the advice of Governor Magoon, who deemed it inadvisable to reduce our force in Cuba prior to the re-establishment of the Cuban republic next fall, when the entire force will return.

Spends Over a Billion.

Washington, May 26,-Although the figures on the total appropriations for the present session of Congress are incomplete, from careful estimates carried 200 feet down a mountain side house bill, embracing seven separate the indications are that they will exwhen a carry-all toppled from the measures affecting the navigation laws, ceed \$1,000,000,000. This is \$100,000,-000 in excess of any previous session. ate today, but not without resistance. The largest increases over previous years are found in the postoffice, penion, naval and army appropriation

Bills Signed by President.

Washington, May 26.-President Roosevelt has signed the bills providannihilate time by dilatory tactics ing for the participation of this counwithout making progress on any legis- try in the exposition to be held in week after the peas are sown, as Guthrie, Okla., May 26.-All West lation except that involved in confer- Tokio in 1912; the legislative, execu- the latter grow so much stronger Guthrie is inundated with from seven ence reports was the chief occupative and judicial appropriation bill; a and consequently, the oats will be to ten feet of water rushing through tion of the senate today under the bill making Monterey and Port Harsmothered out unless they are given the streets. Train service on all roads the streets. Train service on all roads leadership of chart the net result bill authorizing the extension of the that oats and peas are as good for in and out of Guthrie is at a standstill was so successful that the net result bill authorizing the extension of the that oats and peas are as good for

Annul Grant Lands.

Washington, May 27.-A partial Washington, May 28.-B. D. Townagreement of the conferees on the send, special attorney in the departpostoffice appropriation bill has been ment of justice, started Monday for laid before the senate by Mr. Penrose Portland, Or., to start legal proceedand was agreed to. The sections ap- ings on behalf of the government to ed Bits. plying to ocean mail subsidy and the take from the Southern Pacific railroad weighing of the mails were not agreed about 3,000,000 acres of land in Westto by the conferees. The senate or- \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000. Townsend

ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES.

Washington Farmers Ask Information on Various Subjects.

From the Washington State College, Pullman. The experiment station has received Storm in Texas and Oklahoma a letter from J. A. B., of Everett, asking how to exterminate the Canadian thistle. Professor W. S. Thornber, horticulturist, replied as follows:

"The Canadian thistle is a hard

ting and cultivation you can eradicate it. The plant must be kept from forming a growth above the surface of the ground for at least one year Loss of Life Believed to Be High in order that your efforts for its extermination may be successful. The plant spreads by underground stems, le of unallotted land of the Spokane or roots, which are thrown up at distances of from three to six feet from the parent plant, so merely destroythe month of June, followed by other and on through August will check the thistle materially, and may dethree inches below the surface of the ground, which causes the root to rot by drying out. In cultivated fields it is advisable to rake out the underground stems, and allow them

Another letter from W. G. M., of Mabton, made inquiry concerning the culture of English walnuts in that

"The selection of proper varieties is very important, and up to the present time I have found only two vathrive well under the conditions of your locality. These two are the Falls, Denton and Abilene. Fayette and the Mayette. They are these varieties, simply because the higher in that vicinity. operation of grafting is so difficult A better way is to secure good first generation trees are grown from to save some household effects. nuts of first generation trees, usually in Oregon and California. From my personal experience, I should judge that you will succeed remarkably well if you secure good varieties. Almost any of our soils, if the sea-English walnuts, providing there is are obliged to watch these conditions roads. recommend that English walnuts be sown in your region, yet I believe by careful selection of varieties and of the orchard grounds that they will succeed in many places."

Another inquiry from Seattle relates to the culture of chestnuts. The correspondent was advised as fol-

"The American chestnut (the regular, tall-growing variety) should be pruned the same as any other shade tree, leaving, however, a permanent, or constant leader, through the center of the tree. This is the practice of the Experiment Station, and one that is used upon all forms of the tall, or upright, growing trees. It is also used upon the sweet cherries, but not upon the sour ones.

"The tendency of this chestnut is to produce a thin, open top, and it is advisable to cut back the outer limbs, and occasionally the leader, to thick-en the foliage. The Dwarf, or Japanese, chestnuts should be pruned to small, compact trees, branching them from a foot to three feet from the ground. They will practically take care of themselves after the first year or two of pruning. This pruning may be done at any time while the tree is dormant, or after the sap has ceased to flow, which will be immediately after it comes into full leaf."

A farmer residing near Centerville, desires to know the best method of raising peas, and the most desirable variety; also, with regard to combining peas with oats. The Station supplied him with the following information:

"The experience of the Experiment Station staff, leads us to believe that almost any of the common field variety of peas will grow well in your region. We advise the Black-Eyed Marrow Fat as the best general variety. Ordinarily we sow the peas at the rate of one to one and one-half bushels per acre, disking or drilling them at least four inches deep. Sow the oats about a street railways of this city to the horses as for cows. The mixture makes very rich, nutritious hay."

Didn't Need Them.

Neighbor-If your statement is true your clothesline was robbed by tramps. Judson-How do you make that out? Neighbor-Didn't you say they took everything but the towels?-Illustrat-

according to the American Iron and Steel cent greater than that of 1906. Canada produced 581,146 tons in 1907.

MANY ARE HOMELESS

Creates Awful Havoc.

plant to fight, but by judicious cut- POPULATION IS DUMBFOUNDED

Thousands of Head of Livestock Killed.

Dallas, Tex., May 26 .- Seven thouing the mother plant will not kill sand persons are practically without the weed. A good cutting during shelter now as a result of the violent storm which broke over Northern cuttings in the latter part of July Texas and Oklahoma Sunday night.
Today alone fully 2,000 people were driven from their homes by the rising of the Trinity river. stroy it entirely. It is generally barns and everything in the path of quite difficult to eradicate the plant the terrible flood is swept down and In pastures and fence corners, since carried away. Trinity river is a raga small residue will be left unde- ing, surging torrent and nothing apstroyed, which will grow durng the parently stands before it. Big fac-following year. There is no spray dories far removed from the river that will kill it. Sometimes it is proper are flooded, bridges have been helpful to cut the thistle off about swept away like kindling wood. Livestock by the thousands have perished and fear is now entertained that a meat famine will follow in the wake of the storm's fury.

So far no arrangements of a character calculated to relieve the intense to dry thoroughly before plowing suffering of the inhabitants have been again. give any real estimate of the dead. With the abatement of the rising waters steps will be taken at once to help those in dire distress. As usual in such cases, the poor of the various region. Professor Thornber's reply cities and towns in the path of the elements are suffering the worst.

The present storm is by far the most violent of the present year, and for that matter perhaps the worst storm that has visited Northern Texas rieties that are hardy enough to in several years. It was exceptionally severe at Fort Worth, Dallas, Wichita

The property loss will run extremenot English walnuts, strictly speak- ly high, but so far not even a coning, but are the same species, and servative estimate can be placed on are commonly spoken of as "Per- the whole. At Fort Worth alone it sian, or 'English walnuts.' It will is figured out that the storm will be impossible for you to grow in a When suburban points are finally commercial way grafted trees of heard from the loss will run much

Reports from Mineral Wells state that only a few are secured, and the that Wade Owens and Ernest Stateler price of grafting stock is very high. were drowned there. Persons are also reported drowned near Wichita Falls or second generation trees from relable nurserymen. Theses second known man lost his life in attempting

All over the storm-swept district railroads and crops have suffered heavily. Railroad traffic is practically at a standstill, as at most points bridges have been torn from their foundations by the surging flood wasons are not too severe, will grow ter. As quickly as possible the railroad people will repair the damage not a shale, or hardpan, nearer than done. In any event, it will be many three or four feet to the surface of days before anything like schedule the ground. I understand that we time can be maintained on any of the

ANARCHY IN PERSIA.

State Apparently Helpless to Cope With Situation.

Berlin. May 26 .- Advices received here are to the effect that anarchy prevails throughout Persia. As an example of the Shah's helplessness to cope with the situation a libel action cited which has been brought against the Persian newspaper Muswad, as an article stating that parts Persian territory are in the control of brigands and revolutionists, and

concluding with the following: The governors are tyrannical, the administration is corrupt and inefficient, the taxes are in arrears, the exthequer is empty, the soldiers' wages re unpaid and the army is helpless What is the Shah going to do in these melancholy circumstances? votes himself to orgies night after night until daybreak."

The newspaper proceeds to give proof of its allegations and concludes by demanding the dethronement of the Shah and the establishment of a republic.

The Shah brought a libel action, but withdrew it when the editor offered to prove the charges in detail. Following this, the walls of Teheran were covered with placards calling upon the people to assassinate the monarch.

Funeral Services for Governor.

Reno, Nev., May 26.-In response a call issued by Acting Governor S. Dickerson and Mayor Kerman, all business was suspended here yesterday on account of the funeral of Governor John Sparks. The funeral services were held at the Elks' home, where the funeral procession formed. All the bells in the city tolled. The body was escorted by the governor's staff and a body of police. Besides the governor's friends, members of the secret orders to which he be-longed and state and city officials, many marched on foot,

Deadly Gas for Burglars.

Stuttgart, May 26 .- A chemical firm n the small town of Aalen has perected and patented an invention that threatens burglars with instant death after they succeed in opening a safe vault door, either by skeleton key or with the aid of compressed air, nitro-glycerine and other burglars paraphernalia. The moment an outsider opens the door, or bores through it, poisonous gases are released, destroying the invader and leaving him dead on the floor.

Meat Inspectors Confert

Chicago, May 26 .- More than 100 neat inspectors were present yesterday at the opening of a conference The pig iron production in the United which considered the enforcement of States in 1907 was 25,781,361 gross tons, the new meat inspection law. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is direct-Association. This amount was 1.9 per ing the deliberations of the conference, which is expected to continue for three days.