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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

A French liner was wrecked in the Mediterranean and 156 lives lost.

Nicaraguan rebels are preparing to move on Managua, and the fall of the city is considered certain.

Bandits looted the postoffice, general store and hotel in Divide, Mont., and escaped to the mountains.

Society women in Washington, D. C., are getting considerably worried over the high cost of living.

The czarina of Russia is said to be near death from nervous troubles brought on by fear of assassination.

An Iowa man runs a deer farm, and has a herd of about 100 deer, from which he sells venison, hides and antlers.

J. P. Morgan is announced as the president of the Pan-American bank, the greatest banking institution in the world.

Stones hurled from the volcano Poso, on the island of Costa Rica, have killed many villagers who lived near the mountain.

One of the greatest railroad builders of the present time says cement and concrete will eventually supersede brick for nearly all building purposes.

It is feared that the eruption of the volcano Poso, on the island of Costa Rica, may cause earthquakes in the Panama canal zone, and possibly injure the canal.

It is reported that the Canadian Northern railroad, backed by J. P. Morgan, has acquired the holdings of coal lands on Vancouver Island owned by the Dunsmuir family, at a price of \$11,000,000.

King Gustav, of Sweden, is recovering from a severe operation.

Eastern bankers refuse to finance J. P. Morgan's proposed telephone merger.

Mrs. Russell Sage has given \$150,000 to various charitable institutions in Texas.

Abdul Hamid is reported to have attempted suicide by strangling himself with a silk handkerchief.

President Taft has approved the plan for restoring 4,000,000 acres of reserve land to settlement.

It has been proved that forest rangers under Pinchot attended college and drew pay at the same time.

A bed of genuine fire opals has been discovered near Kamloops, B. C., and a company is forming to market the gems.

Flood conditions in France are again becoming alarming, many being driven out of their homes for the second time by rising waters.

The scope of the senate's inquiry into the cost of living has been widened to include not only food and clothing, but many other articles, and also salaries, earnings and the tariff.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, poor, discouraged and broken in health, has returned to her native land from Washington, where she has been seeking restoration of her lands and wealth.

California astronomer says Halley's comet might develop hydrocyanic acid upon coming in contact with the earth's atmosphere, thus destroying all animal life, but Eastern scientists scoff at the idea.

The Boise, Idaho, beef trust has been convicted of selling short-weight lard.

Roosevelt has the record of the greatest hunter who has ever been to Africa.

Seattle Sailors union will not aid in the defense of their agent, Gohl, who is charged with many murders.

A Michigan university professor avers he has proved beyond a doubt that life continues after death.

Expenses of the immigration commission while abroad are severely criticized by Representative Macon.

The man who delivered money to New York legislators has been found, and freely tells who got the cash for bribes.

The creditors of Prince Miguel, of Braganza, who married Miss Anita Stewart, of New York, in Scotland, September last, unable to obtain a settlement of their claims, have seized the furniture and other effects in the prince's residence in Vienna and removed them to an auction room.

Six negroes were killed and six wounded in a race riot in Tennessee.

Before an audience of more than 4,000 persons in the Metropolitan opera house, Commander Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, was presented with a \$10,000 check on behalf of the citizens of New York, but instead of retaining it for himself, the commander announced that he would contribute it towards the South Pole expedition planned by the National Geographical society.

CALHOUN DEFENDS WOMEN.

Thinks Maids and Mothers Need as Much Consideration as Birds.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 11.—William J. Calhoun, United States Minister to China, appeared before the Supreme court of Illinois today, in appeal to have that body overrule a decision bearing upon the ten hour day for women.

Judge Tuthill last July held the law limiting the working day to ten hours unconstitutional on the ground that it infringes on women's right to contract for the hire of her labor.

Minister Calhoun was one of the large number of Chicago men and women opposing the decision who appeared before the Supreme court. The minister to China told the court that he would confine his address to a single phase of the case—its humanitarian or commonsense side.

"I am not a radical or a socialist, or an anarchist," he said, "and I don't even belong to the so-called 'uplift movement,' of which we have heard so much recently. But I do take sufficient notice of some of the abuses which exist in this highly and artificially developed civilization of ours, and which call aloud for correction.

"In the doctrine of the freedom of contract there is more of fiction than morality. When men and women are dependent upon their daily wages; when they are face to face with poverty all the time; when the loss of a day's work and a day's wage means not enough money to pay rent, or not enough to buy food, it is not fair, it is not common sense, to say that they enjoy any freedom of contract for the sale of their labor.

"Many women in their struggles for food and shelter, yes, and for life itself, are willing—even eager—to work long hours every day in the week and every week in the year, year in and year out, until their bodies break under the strain. But the wishes of such women should not be allowed to militate against the welfare of woman kind and mankind in general. When a woman, be she maid or mother, has worked in a factory ten long hours, she has toiled the limit the laws of this country should allow.

"But should the selfish desire of a few men to sell goods, to grind out more orders, be allowed to stifle the needful demand of maidenhood and motherhood?"

States Attorney Wayman, of Chicago, who also asked the Supreme court to set aside the ruling of Judge Tuthill, declared that the legislature should have power to protect human beings, as it has the power to protect animals.

"The legislature, we are told, has no right to protect women from the necessity of being forced to work 24 hours a day," he said. "Yet it can protect quail and grouse and prairie chickens. It is an absurd legal proposition."

Attorney Haynie, representing the Illinois Manufacturers' association, argued for upholding the decision of Judge Tuthill.

MRS. SAGE SCATTERS MONEY.

Distributes Thousands Among Charitable Institutions of Texas.

Galveston, Feb. 11.—About ten or 12 eleemosynary institutions and charitable societies are the beneficiaries of the Russell Sage millions in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$25,000 by reason of a visit from Mrs. Russell Sage to Texas. She denied herself to all newspaper interviews. Major Slocum, said to be her nephew, with his wife, is accompanying Mrs. Sage.

The reported contributions to charitable causes amount to something between \$140,000 and \$150,000, but the list is not complete as there are several donations ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 not given out.

A charitable ward in a large hospital in El Paso is to receive \$25,000. An orphan asylum in Uvalde county gets \$20,000, and a sanitarium fund for tuberculosis patients near Brackettville will be swelled \$25,000; Del Rio home for homeless children receives \$15,000, and \$10,000 goes for a sanitarium at Boerne and Pecos, and \$15,000 for a hospital for consumptives.

Rivers in France Rising.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Flood conditions in the Eastern sections are becoming worse. The Marne, near Rheims, rose 15 inches today, and inhabitants of the valley are fleeing with their belongings. The river Aisne rose three feet in a few hours. Pathetic scenes were witnessed in many places, for the victims of the last flood were just beginning to return to their damaged houses when they were obliged to leave again. It is estimated that the Seine at Paris will remain stationary from Friday until Monday.

Each Leaves Big Estate.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—Through a petition for letters of administration filed in the Superior court here today it was learned that three members of the same family had died within a period of ten days, each leaving an estate valued at \$10,000. The wife and mother, Mrs. Theresa Kane, died first, and she was followed to the grave three days later by the husband and father, Patrick Kane, while James Kane, the 53-year old son, was the last.

Big \$9,000,000 Melon Cut.

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—The shareholders of the United Gas & Improvement company, at a special meeting here today voted to cut a \$9,000,000 melon. They agreed to a 10 per cent dividend, payable in stock.

Cotton mills now under construction or about to be constructed in the South represent an outlay of about \$20,000,000.

HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

BUYS BIG SILETZ TRACT.

Nearly 2,000 Acres in Reservation Taken By Investment Co.

Portland—Interest in the dairy country south of Tillamook has been increased by the announcement that nearly 2,000 acres of rolling land in the northern part of the Siletz reservation has been gotten by a Portland company for subdivision into small tracts.

The Oceanside Investment company has acquired this property, 25 miles south of Tillamook.

The land was allotted to the Siletz Indians 20 years ago, which accounts for its lack of cultivation and improvement. The time having expired, the Indians are at liberty to dispose of their holdings, a large part of which has been secured by the Oceanside Investment company. It is said to be in excellent condition for dairying purposes.

Cranberries seem to be indigenous to that portion of the coast, owing to the accumulation for centuries of peat.

Certain requirements for the highest cultivation of cranberries will have to be met and for this purpose, the Oceanside Investment company intends to attend to the preparation of the bogs under expert advice. Other companies have succeeded in developing cranberry tracts possessing the conditions found in that section.

For dairying, no location in the United States compares with the Oregon coast, all the way from Astoria to Newport. The rolling character of the land north of the Siletz river, the enormous acreage available, the perpetual growth of grass and the favorable climate unite in making the undertaking of the new company seemingly a commendable one.

One of the features of the property is Oceanside lake, a body of fresh water four miles in length and a mile wide, deep and supplied by several mountain streams. This lake has charms for the sportsman.

Prof. Peavy Takes Position at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The Oregon Agricultural college has been remarkably fortunate in securing an able successor to Professor Lake, head of the school of forestry, who has left Corvallis with the privilege of a leave of absence for one year and a half to take up special government forestry work at Washington, D. C. His successor is Professor George W. Peavy, of San Francisco, who for a number of years has been in the forest service in the Pacific Coast states.

Professor Peavy's government rank is that of chief of planting in the states of California and Nevada. He resigns this position and will immediately start work as head of the school of forestry at O. A. C. Professor Peavy has had an extended and distinguished service in educational and forestry affairs. He is a graduate of the literary department of the University of Michigan, and served six years as high school principal in Michigan schools. Professor Peavy retired from high school work to study forestry as the attraction of that profession appealed to him very strongly.

Commission Orders Rates Reduced

Salem—Having found that rates on apples and green fruits in less than carload lots as charged jointly by the Corvallis & Eastern railroad and Southern Pacific company between Gates and Portland were unreasonable and unjust, the railroad commission made an order universally reducing the rates 2½ cents on a 100 pounds. The rates on the same commodities between Gates and Salem were likewise ordered reduced, the order to take effect within 20 days. The former rate between Portland and Gates on apples was 37 cents a 100 pounds and has been reduced to 34½ cents. The rate on apples between Gates and Salem was reduced from 35 cents to 32½ cents a 100 pounds. The rate on green fruits in less than carload lots from Gates to Portland was reduced from 43 to 40½ cents a 100 pounds and between Gates and Salem from 42 to 39½ cents a 100 pounds.

The investigation was made on complaint of A. H. Hudson of Gates.

Tile Company to Improve.

Salem—The Salem Tile & Mercantile company is preparing for an unusually busy season. The company will run its factory both summer and winter and will enlarge on the present quarters so as to more than double the previous output. Five thousand dollars will be spent on the plant, making it the best in the state, and capable of taking care of all orders as they are received. Everything manufactured from clay will be made.

Concrete Blocks at Albany.

Albany—Messrs. Frost and McGlashan, manufacturers of concrete products, have moved their business from Medford to Albany. Their new factory which is located immediately adjoining the O. R. & N. dock and the S. P. siding along the Willamette river, is now completed, and foundation blocks for new dwellings are being made to supply the local demand.

Franchise to Lakeview Company.

Lakeview—The Lakeview & Pine Creek Electric company has been granted a franchise by the common council here, to run for 33 years. This is the second company that has been granted a franchise by the council since November 1. The former company built many miles of line and set a considerable number of poles for further extensions.

SAVE ORCHARDS FROM PESTS

Systematic Spraying and Pruning Works Wonders.

Eugene—What may be accomplished by systematic spraying and judicious pruning of old orchards is illustrated in the experience of John Thramer, who has a 35-acre farm in peaches, cherries, and walnuts on the island between the millrace and the Willamette river on the outskirts of Eugene. He purchased this farm five years ago. The cherry trees looked to him, he says, like a tamarack patch that had been burned over.

Mr. Thramer cut back the cherry trees vigorously and sprayed well. The first year the entire crop was 6,000 pounds free from blemishes. The second year the yield from the same part of the orchard was 14,000 pounds. The third year was proportionately greater. He now holds his warehouse receipts for 32,000 pounds, representing last year's crops. His net profit from four acres of cherries last year was \$544.40, after deducting all proper charges for expenses. From one and a half acres of peaches he obtained a clear profit of \$425.95, after deducting all expenses. On three quarters of an acre of his older cherry orchard on which 60 trees are crowded, the average yield was 6,000 pounds. Mr. Thramer's potato crop will go 225 bushels to the acre, the loss from freezing being very small.

Stockmen Will Organize.

Lakeview—A meeting has been called for February 25, by the stockmen of Lake county, to talk over the proposed formation of a stockmen's association. This meeting will be held at the court house in Lakeview. One of the speakers will be Forest Supervisor Guy M. Ingram, of the Fremont national forest. While Lake county has been one of the best stock counties in the West, there has been little effort on the part of stockmen to get together.

Big Profit on Farm.

Tillamook—The 158 acre farm known as the old Mills place on the Wilson river was sold last week by Wilson Durrer to Ben Jacobs for \$22,000. Mr. Durrer bought this ranch three years ago for \$8,000. Mr. Jacobs has been a renter of the ranch for the past three years, and knows what it will produce. This speaks well for Tillamook county real estate.

Creamery Prepares for Big Business

Bandon—The Bandon creamery is preparing for the biggest output of butter during the coming season that has ever been manufactured in any creamery in Southwest Oregon. James E. Murphy, representing the company, is here from San Francisco to help build up the business and will also look after the interests of the creamery on Ten-mile lake.

Evans Will Raise Hogs.

Eugene—Charles W. Evans has leased the 200-acre farm four miles southwest of town, belonging to his father-in-law, Baxter Farnham, and will go into the hog raising business. He will also work the farm land on the 30 acres adjoining the Farnham farm and is planting a part of it to orchard.

Will Plow by Steam.

Stanfield—M. A. Mills has ordered a 70-horse power traction engine, which he will use in farming his large ranch.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices—Bluestem, \$1.15, nominal; club, \$1.05; red Russian, \$1.04; valley, \$1.05; 40-fold, \$1.09.
Barley—Feed and brewing, \$28 ton. Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$26 ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$31 per ton.
Hay—Track prices—Timothy: Willamette valley \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$17@18; clover, \$16; grain hay, \$16@17.
Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@3 box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.
Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 70@80c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2½@2½¢ per sack.
Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1@1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$1.75@2 p r hundred; sprouts, 9c pound; squash, 2c; tomatoes, \$3.50 per crate.
Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack.
Butter—City creamery extras, 37c@39c; fancy outside creamery, 35c@37c per pound; store, 20@22½¢. Butter fat price average 1½¢ per pound less than regular butter prices.
Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 32@32½¢ per doz.; Eastern, 17½@22c.
Pork—Fancy, 11c pound.
Poultry—Hens, 17@18c; springs, 17@18c; ducks, 20@22½¢; geese, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 20@25c; dressed, 27@30c; squabs, \$8 per dozen.
Veal—Extras, 12@13c per pound.
Hops—1909 crop, prime and choice, 20@21½¢; 1908s, 17½¢; 1907s, 11½¢ per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c pound; mohair, choice, 25c.
Casaca's bark—4c per pound.
Hides—Dry hides, 18@18½¢ pound; dry kip, 18@18½¢; dry calf skin, 19@21c; salted hides, 10@10½¢; salted calf skin, 15c pound; green, 1c less.
Cattle—Best steers, \$5; fair to good \$4.50@4.75; strictly good, \$3.75@4; fair to good cows, \$3@3.50; light calves, \$5@5.50; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$3.50@3.75; stags, \$3@4.
Hogs—Top, \$9; fair to good, hogs, \$8.50@8.75.
Sheep—Best wethers, \$5.50; fair to good, \$5@5.50; good ewes, \$4.50@5; lambs, \$6@6.50.

TO SEEK SOUTH POLE.

National Geographic Society Will Work With Peary.

Washington, Feb. 9.—America has decided to seek for South Pole laurels similar to those won for her by Commander Peary at the North Pole. The National Geographic society today resolved to send an expedition in search of the South Pole, provided the necessary funds can be raised. It is not believed there will be any failure on this score.

Commander Peary was notified immediately of the action.

Captain Bartlett, in command of the Roosevelt on Peary's trip to the North, probably will have charge of the Antarctic expedition.

After a meeting late this afternoon the board of managers of the Geographic society adopted the following resolutions:

"The National Geographic society believes it is of great importance to science that tidal, magnetic and meteorological observations shall be made at or near Coats Land in the same period that the British expedition under Captain Robert S. Scott is making similar observations on the other side of the Antarctic area, 1,800 miles distant, and at the same time that the recently discovered land shall be explored.

"The society is ready to accept Mr. Peary's proposition that it shall undertake jointly with the Peary Arctic club an expedition to the Antarctic regions as outlined above, provided that the board of managers, after consultation with members of the society, finds that the project will receive sufficient financial assistance to warrant the undertaking."

It is thought probable the expedition may be ready to sail as early as July. The rapidity with which financial assistance is forthcoming will determine the date.

SIX DIE IN RACE RIOTS.

Tennessee Clash Between Laborers Results in Deaths.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Sheriff Westmoreland and Deputy Sheriff Young, of Marion county, who came to Chattanooga at noon today, from the Hale Bar Locke's dam, state that six negroes were killed and six wounded, two probably fatally, in today's rioting.

Bad feeling had been brewing for some days between white and negro employees of Locke's dam contractors, and an attack upon one of the negro laborers by several white men yesterday, coupled with liberal distribution of whisky and weapons among the negroes, brought the trouble to a climax.

After an exchange of shots between a force of five policemen rushed by train from Chattanooga, and a squad of special deputies and the negroes, the trouble was quelled.

The negroes who took the most active part in the trouble retreated up the Tennessee river, and a posse is trying to apprehend them.

HARBOR BILL IS FRAMED.

Measure Agreed Upon By Committee Carries Forty Millions.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Approximately \$40,000,000 will be carried in the rivers and harbors bill for next fiscal year. This was conceded after today's session of the house committee on rivers and harbors. The Ohio river, the Great lakes, and other sections are provided for in items passed upon, but the amounts were not made public.

The committee will meet today and tomorrow, when it is expected the bill, which is distinctly an annual budget, though contemplating ultimate expenditures that are likely to reach \$600,000,000 will be finally adopted. This means a report to the house probably Friday.

The framing of the rivers and harbors bill probably will preclude a general public buildings appropriation bill at this session.

Taft Can't See Teddy.

Washington, Feb. 9.—John A. Stewart, president of the New York League of Republican Clubs, arrived here today and will confer with President Taft tomorrow regarding the homecoming celebration in honor of ex-President Roosevelt. A cable message was received in New York today from Mr. Roosevelt granting the Republican club's request for permission to form a reception committee, with representatives from all over the country to meet him on his arrival in New York harbor between June 15 and 21 next.

Hughes Heads Delta U'S.

New York, Feb. 9.—Governor Hughes was elected president of a corporation to be known as the Delta Upsilon fraternity, launched tonight at a dinner attended by members of most of the 38 chapters of the college fraternity. David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university, and E. D. Ridgway, magazine publisher, were elected vice presidents. The purpose of the new corporation is to broaden the society's power in holding property.

Surfrage Up to Women.

New York, Feb. 9.—A plan to let the women of New York state settle among themselves, by a referendum vote, the question of suffrage, will be offered to the legislature in Albany by the suffragette lobbyists next month. The plan has found unexpected endorsement at the hands of the anti-suffragist organizations here. The anti declare themselves confident that they can carry the state for "no votes for women."

SHIP SINKS WITH 150

Fierce Mediterranean Storm Drives Vessel on Reef.

ONE SURVIVOR REACHES LAND

Cling to Wreckage Until Picked by Fishermen—Engine Broke Down During Storm.

Palma, Island of Majorca, Feb. 9.—Driven helplessly from her course one of the wildest storms that swept the Mediterranean sea years, the French trans-Atlantic steamer General Chanzy crashed full speed, in the dead of night, on treacherous reefs near the island Minorca, and all except one of the persons on board perished.

The sole survivor is an Algerian, rescued by a fisherman and who lay in the hospital at Ciudadela, as a result of the tortures which he passed and unable to give account of the disaster.

In the ship's company there were passengers, of whom 30 were in the cabin. The crew numbered 70, thought that there were no Americans on board.

The ship was in command of Captain Cayol, one of the most careful of the line. In his long experience had never met with an accident, had intended to retire from the sea.

Passengers of the Chanzy were officers and officials returning to their posts in Algeria, accompanied their wives and children; a few diers, some Italians and Turks were on board.

The only Anglo-Saxon names in the passenger list were Green and Stewart. They were members of an opera company of 11 that had been engaged to perform at the Casino in Algiers.

Among the victims of the wreck was the celebrated music-hall singer, Lucie Dufour, as well as other prominent music-hall favorites.

The General Chanzy struck at 10 o'clock Thursday night, after Cayol, with all his experience, had been unable to cope with the force of almost unprecedented violence.

Other ships in the neighborhood safely ridden out the storm, but Chanzy fell prey to the elements, lifted off her course through the leeward archipelago and brought to the coast of Majorca, near Ciudadela.

Fishermen at daybreak picked up the sole survivor, Lucie Dufour, clinging to a piece of wreckage.

REVISED BIBLE IS READY

Task of 38 Years Ended by London Scholars.

London, Feb. 12.—Bible scholars are keenly interested in the announcement of a new edition of a revised version of the New Testament, with marginal references. The task has taken 38 years, having been begun in 1871 by the late Dr. Frederick Scrivener and the late Professor Deane. The revised version published in 1895 contained only abridged references.

In recent years Drs. J. H. Muir and A. W. Greenup have been employed in completing the work. To verses of gospel and epistles they added nearly 100 marginal references each bearing upon the text or margin of the verse.

"I often worked 10 to 15 hours a day during my vacations," said Greenup, today. "To aid me in this large sheets printed with gospels in large type and the amplest margins. On these I compiled a list of references. Reference to a single verse occupied me, from first to last, 18 days returning to it, as I did, over and over again."

"The publication will take place in a few days and I presume the Bible students throughout the world will welcome the new work."

Small Holders Complain.

New York, Feb. 12.—Charged with certain of the "insiders" in the Fargo Express company, known to advance that the 300 per cent "bonus" would be cut, had tricked the holders out of their holdings, and held before the Interstate Commerce commission. A stockholder has filed a charge that an agent for the insiders traveled about the country induced stockholders to part with their holdings just a little above the market price, but far below the price to which the stock jumped soon after.

\$4,000,000 for Flood Victims

Paris, Feb. 12.—The Seine rose a few inches during the night and hydrographic authorities predicted the high level would be reached tomorrow, and would be about eight inches less than anticipated. The chamber of deputies unanimously voted the \$4,000,000 for the aid of the flood victims which had been asked by the cabinet. The senate unanimously concurred in the chamber in the action. Many lions more will be needed.

X-Ray May Cure Leprosy

Denver, Feb. 12.—Believing certain rays of the X-ray machine cure leprosy, Dr. George H. Stover, Denver physician, started for Honolulu today with the intention of making experiments at the leper colony at Lokai. Dr. Stover took with him a small, but specially constructed apparatus supplied with a new feature of his own invention.