

## CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events  
Presented in Condensed Form  
for Our Busy Readers.

Admiral Fournier of France predicts war between the United States and Japan.

A Seattle woman is believed to have poisoned nearly 50 valuable dogs in that city.

Pinchot refuses to say whether or not he was summoned to meet Roosevelt in Europe.

Nat Goodwin, the noted actor, has purchased a ranch of 869 acres near San Jacinto, Cal., for \$54,000.

President Taft says the policy of returning men to congress for successive terms makes the East more powerful in that body.

The French government is conducting extensive experiments in aviation and is considering the appropriation of at least \$4,000,000 for aeronautics.

More than 3,000 white and negro men, women and children, employed in the American Tobacco company's stemmery in Louisville, Ky., have struck for higher wages.

Three hundred thousand coal miners in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas have quit work, pending settlement of a new wage scale.

The department of agriculture has forbidden the feeding, or "floating," of oysters in brackish water, previous to sending them to market, believing it a fruitful source of typhoid infection.

The Young Egyptian company has published a protest against Colonel Roosevelt's speech at Cairo, declaring that his remarks were offensive to the whole nation and were made only with the object of pleasing his official hosts.

The fiercest tornado in years, accompanied by heavy snow, has caused immense damage and loss of life in Southern Austria. A passenger train was blown off the rails near Augie, and rolled down an embankment, killing four persons and injuring 18.

Demanding the privilege of participating in the next state election and all others to follow, representatives of the Votes for Women club of California have made a formal request upon the local registrar of voters that their names be enrolled upon the great register.

Snow storms and blizzards are sweeping the entire Rocky mountain region.

Senator Allds, of New York, is convicted of bribe-taking and resigns his seat in congress.

Coal miners of the East demand an immediate increase in wages or a strike will follow.

The Supreme court of California has decided that oral betting is not illegal under the Walker-Otis anti-betting law.

The English house of lords will not give up their privilege of the veto power and a fight is on with the Irish party and the Laborites.

A United States attorney at Tacoma declares he is certain that smuggling of Chinese is practiced continually by trans-Pacific steamship lines.

A brilliant meteor struck the earth in the neighborhood of Ravalli, Montana, and the Indians on the Flathead reservation are terror stricken.

Mrs. Joseph Jefferson, wife of the noted actor, has been sued for \$200,000 by James Morrissey for malicious prosecution, false imprisonment and slander.

Andrew Carnegie passed through Trinidad, Colo., en route East, where he met a daughter of a boyhood friend who gave him his first employment at \$2.50 a month as a weaver's assistant.

A 17-year-old boy and 15-year-old girl eloped from San Diego, Cal., and went to camp in the mountains. They were heavily armed and beat off a posse who went to capture them, but finally surrendered at the pistol's point.

A seven-year-old boy in Denver, shot and killed his four-year-old brother.

Representative McCredie delivered quite an eulogy on Speaker Cannon.

A Chicago insurance man and society leader is under arrest for robbing a blind man.

Over 300 persons were killed in a panic at the burning of a dance hall in Hungary.

Associate Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme court died suddenly of apoplexy.

The reported death of King Menelik, of Abyssinia, is denied, but a regency has been established.

Alexander J. Moody, a rich Chicagoan who died a month ago, is believed to have been poisoned.

John Redmond is coming to the front as a leader of the English Radicals.

Roosevelt shook hands with over 400 Americans during a reception in Cairo, Egypt.

### GLASS TRUST PROBED.

Imperial Company Is Said to Control 33 Factories in Eleven States.

Pittsburg, April 2.—It was learned tonight that after three months' investigation, Federal officers are ready to present to a special grand jury here next Monday evidence that the Imperial Window Glass company is a trust in violation of the Sherman act.

The corporation formed under the laws of West Virginia, is said to control 33 large window glass factories in 11 different states.

The company has offices in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Many prominent glass manufacturers from these states are said to have been served with subpoenas to appear before the grand jury as witnesses.

United States District Attorney Jordan said tonight:

"The investigation of the Imperial Window Glass company has been underway for 90 days, and agents of the department of justice have visited every one of the 33 plants operated under the charter of the company."

"The company was incorporated in West Virginia early this year, and its alleged control of the window glass business is to be investigated with intent to show that it is a monopoly in restraint of trade.

"The Imperial Window Glass company is a holding organization, the manufacturers pooling their output and selling through the company exclusively. Prices have been compared with those of the American Window Glass company and there is but slight difference."

### JAPANESE SPIES MAY NOT BE PUNISHED.

Washington, April 2.—The War department has turned over to the local Philippine government the prosecution of the two Japanese alleged to have been engaged in securing plans for the fortifications of Corregidor, Manila harbor, through the bribery of Joseph G. Saxe, an American soldier.

This has been done in the hope that the local attorneys in Manila may be able to find some section that will serve to bring about punishment of the offenders, whom the United States code does not touch.

It is quite evident, however, that the charge of bribery will not hold, as the Supreme court has ruled that the bribe must be offered to an official. Of course, Private Saxe can and probably will be tried by military court martial, but it does not seem probable that there will be any way of punishing the Japanese if found guilty.

### POWER SITES ARE WITHDRAWN

Washington and Idaho Lands Withdrawn by Ballinger.

Washington, April 2.—In aid of proposed legislation affecting the disposal of waterpower sites on the public domain, Secretary Ballinger today temporarily withdrew from all forms of disposition 5,823 acres along the Lemhi River, Idaho, and 4,175 acres along the Columbia river in Washington.

Approximately 42,750 acres of land in Montana was designated for settlement under the enlarged homestead act. This land, it was said, was not susceptible of successful irrigation at a reasonable cost from any known source of water supply. This makes a total of 28,888,240 acres in Montana designed for settlement under the act.

The coal lands withdrawn from the public domain, it was announced, include large areas within unopened Indian and military reservations. As such withdrawals are without effect, Mr. Ballinger has cancelled them to clear the record. These lands were already withheld from entry because they were within Indian or military reserves, and their inclusion within coal land withdrawals was a duplicate of their reservation. The total area involved in the correction of the records was 811,554 acres, located in reservations in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, North Dakota, Washington and Montana.

### Prices Blamed on Tariff.

Washington, April 2.—Increases in the price of olive oil and macaroni are laid at the door of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law by Wallace Pierce of Boston. Pierce said the duty on paper was responsible for an increase of half a cent a pound in the price of macaroni, because the macaroni was wrapped in paper.

In a similar way, olive oil was higher on account of the duty on tins. He testified that there had been a general upward tendency in the price of groceries in the last ten years.

### Storm in Texas Serious.

San Antonio, Texas, April 2.—An almost incessant rain for the last three days has put the streams in this section of Texas on such a rampage as has not been recorded in 20 years.

At Frio town, southwest of here, the Frio river drove a dozen families from their homes.

In Uvalde county, 1,200 goats perished from the cold and rain.

At Fort Davis and Maifa, two inches of snow has fallen and fruit is killed.

### Curtiss Firm Insolvent.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 2.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed here today against the Herring-Curtiss company of Hammondsport, N. Y., manufacturers of flying machines. Three creditors allege insolvency.

Glenn H. Curtiss, the aviator, is vice-president and general manager of the company.

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

### EXTEND PORTAGE ROAD.

State Commission Arranges to Finance Project at The Dalles.

### HOLD WATERWAYS CONVENTION

Willamette Valley Delegates to Meet in Albany April 14.

Albany—The improved waterway convention which will be held at Albany on April 14 for the purpose of securing the co-operation of Willamette valley towns in organizing a systematic campaign for the improvement of the Willamette river, promises to bear early fruit. The United States government will be asked by the convention of all commercial bodies in the valley to make a \$3,000,000 appropriation for river improvements. Following the action of the joint meeting of the Albany Business Men's association and the Albany commercial club, held here recently, invitations to attend the convention have been issued by the commercial club to the following cities and towns: Corvallis, Brownsburg, Canby, Dayton, Dallas, Estacada, Eugene, Harrisburg, Hillsboro, Independence, Jefferson, Junction City, Lafayette, Lebanon, McMinnville, Mount Angel, Newberg, North Yamhill, Oregon City, Salem, Scio, Sheridan, Springfield, New Era, Stayton, Willamette, Gervais, Brooks, Turner, Hubbard, Halsey, Aurora and Silverton.

Klamath Falls Depot Finished.

Klamath Falls—The finishing touches have been put on the magnificent depot erected by the Southern company in this city. No date for the formal opening of the building has been announced and will not be until word is received from San Francisco.

When it was announced that the railroad company had decided to erect in this city a depot that would cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 few people believed that that amount would be invested in the structure.

The construction of this extension will complete the connecting link of river transportation with the lower river and the upper Columbia and Snake rivers. Since the completion of the state portage around the falls of Celilo there has been a connection between the upper and lower river, but it has not been practicable to handle heavy freight over this line, because of the poor facilities for transferring it from boats to the portage road at the lower terminus.

Water for 73,000 Acres.

Salem—At a meeting of the desert land board recently State Engineer Lewis and Attorney General Crawford were authorized to enter into a contract with the Almor-Evans company for the reclamation of 73,000 acres of arid lands in what is known as the Powder River valley project. Negotiations have been pending for a year since the first announcement of the project was made.

The total cost of the project will be \$3,800,000. It is, in fact, two separate projects combined, and the segregation to be reclaimed lies in Baker county within easy access from the main line of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. About 40,000 acres only is government land, the rest being in private ownership. The work will go ahead as soon as the necessary withdrawals can be secured from the Interior department.

The largest project includes a dam in Thief valley 110 feet high and a concrete and solid rock distributing canal nine miles long, with a carrying capacity of 500 cubic feet of water per second. The other division will bring water through Creston hill by means of a cement lined tunnel two miles long from Balm creek. All the smaller feed canals will be cement lined.

Addition to Madras Sold.

Madras—The recently platted Boyce addition to Madras was sold to W. H. Taylor, of Spokane, and Max Lueddemann, of Portland, for \$7,000. There is about 17 acres in the tract. The Oregon Trunk line railway passes through the land. The plat lies well for warehouse and railway siding purposes.

Will Build Two Hotels.

Klamath Falls—Work is to be begun in the near future on a three-story hotel in the Hot Springs addition. The building permit for the structure has been granted. This, together with the \$50,000 hotel planned by the Livermore, will give the city ample accommodation in the hotel line.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.01@1.03; club, 97@98c; red Russian, 96c; valley, \$1.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$27.50@27.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$34; cracked, \$35.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$23@24; alfalfa, \$17.50@18.50; grain hay, \$17@19.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29@30.

Fresh fruits—Apples, \$1.25@3 per box; pears, \$1.50@1.75; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Oregon 50@60c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 3@-3@ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50@1.75 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; rutabagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, 85c@1; beets, \$1@1.25; parsnips, 75c@1.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 34@36c; store 20c. Butter fat prices average 1@ per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 22@23c. Pork—Fancy, 13@13@ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 11@12@ per pound.

Lamb—Fancy, 15@18c per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 20@21c; broilers, 27@28c; ducks, 22@23c; geese, 27@28c; turkeys, live, 22@25c; dressed, 25@29c; squabs, 5c per dozen.

Cattle—Best steers, \$6.25@6.75; fair to good steers, \$5.50@6; strictly good cows, \$5.50@6; fair to good, \$5@5.25; light calves, \$4@4.75; heavy calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$3.60@4.25; stags, \$4@5.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$7.50@8; fair to good, \$6.50@7; good lambs, \$8@12.

Hogs—Top, \$11.25; fair to good, \$10@11.

Many Trees for Hood River.

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Medford Raises \$25,000.

Medford—The \$25,000 for the Carter Lake highway that was expected to be signed for this city has been subscribed after the subscription paper was in circulation only two weeks. Now that Medford has pledged \$25,000 towards the road's construction, people of the entire state will be asked to lend their aid to the enterprise.

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### QUICK ACTION OR STRIKE.

Bituminous Coal Miners in East Will Fight for Raise.

Cincinnati, March 30.—Only immediate increases in wages will prevent a great industrial war, numerous and widespread strikes in the bituminous coal mines, according to action taken by a special committee of the United Mine Workers here late today, following the final disagreement and dissolution of the joint conference of the central competitive field.

The terms proposed by the miners for the continuation of work after the expiration of the present agreements at midnight Thursday will admit of no compromise so far as wages are concerned. On other questions there is room for agreement and the general trend of opinion is that no lengthy suspension will be the result except in a few fields.

The most threatening aspect overshadows Pennsylvania and Illinois sections. Briefly, the miners demand that

### JOHN DALZELL.

Senior member of the house committee on rules, who will in all probability become chairman of that committee, succeeded the recently deceased "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

all operators agree to pay increased wages of 5 cents a ton on pick-mined screen coal, with proportionate advances for other methods of mining and outside labor, as a prerequisite to negotiations on the other question.

With the advance in pay assured, work may be continued in the mines affected pending solution of the minor points, provided the National executive board of the union approves action to this effect by district officers.

The National board is made the final power so far as the union is concerned, but it is expressly forbidden to