



EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in a Condensed Form, Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Not a passenger street car has moved in three days in San Francisco.

Confederate veterans are holding their 12th annual reunion at Dallas, Tex.

Alexander O'Brodie will succeed Governor Murphy as chief executive of Arizona.

Although the Rock Island Railroad will build westward from Denver, it will not seek a Pacific coast outlet.

President Hill, of the Great North-

WILL SETTLE OLD DISPUTE.

New Bill to Give Commanding General of the Army a Legal Status.

Washington, April 24.—Senator Hawley, chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, has introduced a bill to "increase the efficiency of the army." The most important section of the bill is the following: "Subject to the command of the president and general direction of the secretary of war, the lieutenant general shall exercise command over the military forces of the United States, shall issue 'army orders,' and direct inspections of the troops. He shall be charged with the instruction, training, discipline and distribution of the army, with the preparation and maintenance of detailed plans for the mobilization of the military forces, with the preparation and maintenance of schemes of offensive and defensive operations, and with collecting and compiling military information. It will be his duty to see that the army is at all times suitably and amply supplied and equipped and

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Oregon City has two cases of small-pox.

A new eight room school building is to be built at Albany.

William Abel, of Auburn, an old time pioneer of the West, is dead.

The debate between Albany College and the Monmouth State Normal School was won by Monmouth.

The Buck Ridge Placer Company, of Sumpter, has filed articles of incorporation. Capital, \$1,000,000.

Schon Boehler was shot and instantly killed by T. Y. Gibson in a dispute near Grants Pass over a small strip of land.

The freight and passenger business of the Sumpter Valley Railroad is so great that it necessitates the running of eight trains daily.

The Advance Power Electric Irrigating & Mining Company, of Grants Pass, has filed articles of incorporation, with a capital of \$1,500,000.

Two contracts for 14,000 pounds of hops have been filed at Oregon City. For 7,000 pounds 11 1/2 cents will be paid per pound and 1 1/2 cents for the other 7,000 pounds.

Grounds have been secured and work on the building for a new creamery will begin at once in Roseburg. The plant will be able to handle the product of from 500 to 700 cows.

Six Baker City men have been summoned to appear as witnesses in a case at Des Moines, Ia. This will be the third trip of the parties for the same case, it having first been postponed and on the second hearing one of the jurors was apoplecticed after much of the evidence had been submitted.

Floyd Mathias was accidentally shot in an amateur performance at Baker City.

Mrs. George Wilcox, of Independence, is dead from an overdose of gel-semium, taken by mistake.

Sheriff Durbin has paid into the treasury of Marion county \$10,489.87, collected recently on the tax roll of 1901.

William Maddy, who escaped from the jail at Canyon City last fall, was apprehended in Idaho and taken back to Canyon City.

H. D. Guild, who has been proprietor of the Salem Independent, has purchased the Prosser Record. He will make it a Republican paper.

The Fishermen's Union held a meeting at Astoria and decided to accept the rate of 6 cents per pound for fish weighing 25 pounds and over, and 5 cents for those below that weight offered by the cannerymen.

Fire in a brick building on Front street, at the Dalles, occupied by a Chinese merchant, destroyed about \$5,000 worth of property, and for a time endangered the whole block. The blaze originated in the dwelling portion of the building, where drying garments caught from a hot stove.

STEEL CORPORATION CHANGE

Will Become an Operating and Manufacturing Company Soon.

Pittsburg, April 23.—The reorganization of the United States Steel Corporation, the obliteration of the names of the constituent corporation of the greater one, and the change of its purpose from a purely financial concern to an operating company and manufacturing, which shall operate directly all the properties now owned and controlled by it, is the latest project of the financial and manufacturing giants at the head of this enterprise. It was learned from excellent authority that the project is to be launched during the present year, probably in July. In short, the United States Steel Corporation will become the practical and actual manufacturing corporation, as well as the financial head of all the great steel companies that it has absorbed. President Charles M. Schwab will become the director of all mills, railroads, coal and coke plants, steamship lines and furnaces. All of the various branches will be divided into departments. The buying and selling will be under a single department, with the individual purchasing departments left in the hands of the different members of the committee. It is understood that the same officials will control the general company, with the same board of directors and executive committee, and the same officials of the operating department.

General E. Daniel, charged with embarking \$40,000 at Seattle, has been discharged.

In a fight between cattlemen near Collinsville, Cherokee Nation, one man was killed and three mortally wounded.

The United States supreme court has made a ruling that the law requiring Chinese to hold certificates is still in force.

The state of Washington has been granted leave to file a complaint against the Northern Securities Company by the United States supreme court.

The streetcar men of San Francisco are on strike.

Many Arrests of Jamaican Rioters.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 18.—Nearly 50 arrests have been made in connection with the riots at Montego Bay, on the north coast of this island, which began April 5, and in which a number of policemen and rioters were wounded. In accordance with a request made by Mr. Chamberlain, the British colonial secretary, the governor of Jamaica has appointed a commission to inquire into the riots.

A restaurant has been opened in New York where food will be furnished at one cent a plate.

There are 13,958,622 acres of uncultivated land in Italy, which might be developed and made productive by the application of ordinary enterprise.

Phenomenally mild weather is being experienced in Russia. At Kiev the trees are budding, the river Dnieper is clear of ice, while at Warsaw violets are blooming.

Seven Found Dead

Chicago, April 23.—Dead in a stuffy bedroom in a crowded tenement quarter in State street, the bodies of an entire colored family, numbering seven persons, were found tonight, gnawed by rats and in an advanced state of decomposition. The police incline to a theory of murder and suicide by poison. The family is that of Jones Butler, an upholsterer, and consisted of Butler, his wife and five children.

WITH DEADLY EFFECT.

Explosion in a Barrack Kills or Injures Hundreds of Nicaraguans.

Managua, Nicaragua, April 22.—A severe explosion occurred on the night of April 16. A large two-story barrack near the lake front, and in the center of the city, was blown to fragments. Between 100 and 200 officers and soldiers are reported to have been killed and many soldiers and other persons are reported injured. A large number of houses near the barracks, including the National hotel, the Central telegraph station, and the National palace, were damaged or wrecked. President Zelaya was absent at Mayassa at the time of the explosion, but he hurriedly returned to Managua. He has published a statement, in which he attributes the disaster to the work of dynamite and a large quantity of powder were stored in the barracks. The actual causes which led to the explosion have not yet been determined.

After the first explosion the police notified people temporarily to leave the city, as it was thought the burning building still contained dynamite. Large numbers fled to the suburbs.

The first explosion was followed by several minor detonations, supposed to have been caused by the explosion of packages of gun powder. The people who fled the city are now returning.

The fragments of those of the dead who were blown to atoms are being buried. Lowest estimates of the damage caused by the explosion are around 5,000,000 pesos.

Will Incorporate in New Jersey.

New York, April 23.—It is stated that the new company to control the Atlantic steamship lines just combined, will be incorporated in New Jersey with a capital of about \$150,000,000, says the Journal of Commerce. The underwriting syndicate was organized on the basis of \$100,000,000 stock and \$44,000,000 in 4 1/2 per cent bonds.

The syndicate is understood to be virtually the same as the one which floated the United States Steel Corporation. It was to have expired on May 15, but has been extended indefinitely, and it is understood that its profits are to constitute the first assessment on account of the shipping deal.

Insurgents Surrendering.

Manila, April 22.—Surrenders to the American authorities of small parties of insurgents are reported daily, and these have increased since the recent surrender of the insurgent general, Malvar. General Rufino, with 26 officers and 375 soldiers, has surrendered to the native constabulary in the province of Misamis, in Mindanao, where the constabulary is co-opting with the military.

Denver Times Changes Hands.

Denver, April 23.—The Denver Times was today sold by its bondholders for \$110,000. David H. Moffatt, president of the First National bank, being the purchaser. A strong new company will be immediately organized to purchase the paper from Mr. Moffatt. It will be continued as a Republican paper.

Nanking Still Safe.

Hong Kong, April 23.—A dispatch received here from Wu Chow contradicts the report current at Canton Saturday that Nanking, province of Shan Si, had fallen into the hands of the rebels. Nanking is still safe, though surrounded at a distance of 15 miles by rebel forces. River communication with the besieged city remains open.

New Oregon Railroad Company.

Trenton, N. J., April 23.—The Oregon & Southeastern Railway Company, capital \$1,000,000, to construct and operate railroads in the state of Oregon, was incorporated here today. The incorporators are K. K. McLaren, Horace F. M. Gould and Evan J. Dudley, all of Jersey City.

Immense Mining Deal.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 24.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the South Bisbee Company held here, 46 mining claims near the Copper Queen property were sold to Gordon R. Campbell, of Calumet, Mich., for \$1,200,000; \$150,000 in cash and the balance within two years.

Peace Rumors Premature.

London, April 23.—In the house of commons Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the chancellor of the exchequer, in the course of a speech defending the budget proposals, said nothing could be more premature than the rumors in the press regarding the peace negotiations in South Africa.

Kansas City Swept by Fire.

Kansas City, Mo., April 22.—A destructive fire visited the southwestern part of this city during the day, laying waste a section of dwelling houses almost a quarter of a mile long and a block wide, and doing damage to the amount of \$75,000. A spectator was seriously injured by a falling piece of iron and a fireman was overcome by heat. About 50 dwellings houses were destroyed, and 60 or more families were rendered homeless.

MOROS WILL FIGHT

TWO SLIGHT ENGAGEMENTS IN MINDANAO.

Advance of the Troops Has Been Checked by Orders From Washington—Efforts will be Made to Pacify Hostiles Before Resorting to War—Red Flags of Defiance Flying Over the Moros' Houses.

Manila, April 24.—Two engagements have been fought between the American troops and the Moros of the island of Mindanao during the past 24 hours.

Moore, of the Twenty-seventh infantry, while out with small parties hunting for water, was fired upon at long range. Colonel Frank Baldwin, with a battalion of troops and a mountain gun, went to the assistance of Moore's party and drove off the Moros, who lost seven men. The Moro villages were flying red flags, meaning that they intended to fight to the uttermost.

Later the Sultan of Pualao and a force of natives attempted to recapture the ground gained by the Americans, but the Moros were forcibly dispersed.

Dato (chief) Genesal has sent a delegation to the American commander tendering the absolute submission of the men under his control.

Brigadier General Davis, in command of Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, has acknowledged the receipt from Washington of instructions to withdraw his troops from Mindanao, but he urges that, owing to the present state of affairs, the withdrawal will result in absolute loss of American prestige among the Moros in Mindanao. His orders, however, are explicit.

Lieutenant Colonel Baldwin and his forces are beyond the reach of the telegraph instructions from Washington.

Proposed Expedition Delayed.

Washington, April 24.—The war department has instructed General Chaffee to delay the departure of the proposed expedition into Mindanao until after the receipt of further directions from Washington. The president desires to exhaust all other means of effecting the capture of the Moros who murdered American soldiers before dispatching an armed expedition for that purpose. Meanwhile, however, that portion of General Davis' command which was selected for the journey will still be held in readiness, and all preparations up to the point of departure will be made.

FIVE HUNDRED PERISH.

Earthquake in Guatemala Shakes the Entire Republic for Two Days.

New York, April 23.—Late dispatches from Guatemala are to the effect that the whole republic was shaken by earthquakes from 8:30 o'clock on Friday night up to 8 o'clock Sunday night, with only short intervals between the shocks, says a Panama dispatch to the Herald. The reports concerning the disaster in Quezaltenango are confirmed. It is estimated that 500 persons were killed and millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed there. Fires which followed added to losses and many heartrending stories of suffering are received. The whole country is panic-stricken. The towns of Patzum and Mazatenango, the latter in the great coffee district, were destroyed. The visitation was spectacular in character. The first shocks were accompanied by terrific thunder storms, and the lightning was followed by a deluge of rain.

Strike Situation Unchanged.

San Francisco, April 23.—Mayor Schmitz made an effort during the day to bring the officials of the railroad and a committee of the strikers together, but was unable to do so. The railroad people refused to consult with the strikers' committee. The mayor will continue his efforts to bring the opposing forces together. The Eastern representatives of the Baltimore syndicate are in communication with the local railway officials, and each move of the strikers is reported by telegraph to the Eastern owners of the car system. It is understood that no action towards a settlement of the difficulty will be taken by the officials here until word to that effect comes from the East.

Utah Postmaster Short in Accounts.

Ogden, Utah, April 24.—Charles Meighan, postmaster of Ogden, is short in his accounts in the amount of \$2,600. His bondsmen are in charge of the office. Meighan was appointed by President McKinley and assumed his duties January 21, 1899.

Rumors Rife in Pekin.

Pekin, April 24.—In spite of the fact that in order to allay the uneasiness of urging the immediate return of the dowager empress to the palace, she has decided to remain at the hunting park, five miles from Pekin, for one week. Rumors of some political coup, possibly the deposition of the dowager empress, are rife. The foreign legations here continue their precautionary measures. At the American legation a squad of soldiers patrols the wall nights.

OREGON NATIONAL PARK.

The Bill Creating One at Crater Lake Passes the House.

Washington, April 22.—Representative Tongue has secured the passage of his bill for the creation of the Crater Lake National Park in Southern Oregon. The bill withdraws from settlement, entry or occupancy, a tract of 249 square miles, including and surrounding Crater lake. Control of the park is to rest with the secretary of the interior, who shall provide rules for the protection and preservation of the natural objects, game and fish, and properly guard against trespassers, and, with an adequate force of wardens, prevent and extinguish forest fires.

Settlement is not to be allowed in the park, nor can lumbering or other business be therein conducted, although tourists, pleasure seekers and scientists will at all times have free access. Authority is granted for issuing permits for the erection and maintenance of restaurants and hotels for the accommodation of visitors.

In order to secure the passage of the bill by unanimous consent Mr. Tongue had to accept several amendments. A provision was inserted permitting the location of mines within the park, although he contends no minerals are to be found there.

There has been a continual fight against this bill ever since Mr. Tongue first introduced it. Within the past 10 days however, he has been at work with the several departments, and finally secured the approval of the president and secretary of agriculture to the pending bill. At the request of the president the speaker allowed the bill to be considered, a thing never before done, and its passage followed. It is not believed there will be any difficulty in securing its passage through the senate.

COSTLY FIRE AT DALLAS.

The Texas City Suffers From Supposed Incendiary Blazes.

Dallas, Tex., April 22.—Two persons were fatally injured and a property loss of \$350,000 caused by several fires which occurred here shortly after 3 a. m. At that hour an alarm was turned in from the Dorsey printing establishment, and several other alarms from different parts of the city were turned in in quick succession. After fighting the fire for two hours, Chief Magee was prostrated, and the command was turned over to an assistant. The chief was rescued from the flames by the police in an unconscious condition, but was later reported to be out of danger. A fireman was struck in the face with a brick and fatally injured. A young son of Chief Magee was found on the floor of the engine room at the central station with a fractured skull. It is supposed that the lad attempted to slide from the bunk room to the engine room and fell to the floor below. He probably will die. The Dorsey Printing Company's plant was totally destroyed, the loss being about \$200,000.

While the Dorsey fire was in progress a fire broke out on Lamar street and 20 buildings were destroyed. Half of them were business houses and the remainder boarding houses and dwellings. The Griffith Lumber Company is one of the principal losers in that section of the city, where it is estimated the loss will aggregate \$150,000, of which the Griffith company sustains \$50,000. The loss of a large implement company is not accurately known. About a dozen smaller mercantile and manufacturing establishments were destroyed.

While the two big fires were raging a third broke out in the residence district of Fisher Lane, in South Dallas, two miles distant, which destroyed four cottages worth \$20,000. Insurance men are positive that the fire on Fisher Lane was incendiary, and the police and fire departments are strongly inclined to believe that all were due to incendiaries.

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Death Roll Does Not Shrink.

Cairo, Ill., April 23.—After searching two days the death roll of the burned steamer City of Pittsburg has not been reduced any from the first report. Of the 145 persons who were on the boat when it burned, a careful estimate of those who were aboard the steamer puts the loss of life at 63 at the lowest, and the opinion of some is that the list will approximate 100. Of this appalling death list only three bodies have been recovered and identified. All of the injured are being well cared for, and are recovering. All who escaped from the burning boat without their effects have been clothed and made comfortable, and most of them have departed for home.

Belgian Strike D.clared Off.

Brussels, April 22.—At a general council of the labor party it was resolved that work by the strikers in all sections should be resumed. The council issued a manifesto to the working men to this effect this afternoon. The anticipated announcement by the crown of the dissolution has not yet been made.

Great Northern Flyer Wrecked.

St. Cloud, Minn., April 22.—The Great Northern flyer, west bound, collided with an east bound freight train near Watab, a few miles from here. Both engines and several cars on the freight train were demolished. One lady passenger on the flyer and four of the train crew were injured, but none of them seriously. The wreck blocked the tracks and delayed traffic for several hours. The freight should have sidetracked at Watab.

TO FILE COMPLAINT

SUPREME COURT GIVES PERMISSION IN MERGER CASE.

The State of Washington Thus Compels the Northern Securities Company to Answer Its Charges of Illegal Consolidation—Subpoenas will be issued Returnable in October.

Washington, April 23.—The United States supreme court has granted leave to the state of Washington to file an original bill for an injunction against the Great Northern Railway Company, the Northern Pacific Railway Company and the Northern Securities Company, in connection with the petition of that state recently filed in the courts. The opinion in the case was delivered by Chief Justice Fuller, who stated that the court had always exercised the utmost care in its proceedings in original cases, and that the present decision to grant leave to file was intended to be entirely without prejudice to either party at interest.

The chief justice's opinion was very brief, and consisted entirely of a view of original cases of the same character which have been brought to the attention of the court. The two most important of the cases thus cited were the case of the state of Louisiana vs. the state of Texas, concerning the quarantine regulation of the latter state, in which leave was given to file, and the state of Minnesota vs. the Northern Securities Company, in which the petition to file was denied.

Referring to the latter case, the chief justice said the petition had been refused because of the insuperable objection that indispensable parties to the case could not be brought into the court. This objection did not, however, confront the court in the present case, and the court felt that, because of its desire to proceed with the utmost care and deliberation in all cases where original actions are brought in this court, the precedent of the Louisiana-Texas case should be followed rather than that of the Minnesota case in the present instance. Hence leave to file would be granted, and subpoenas would be issued, returnable on the first day of the next term of the court in October.

Court Martial for General Smith.

Manila, April 24.—A court martial has been ordered for the trial of General Jacob H. Smith, who was in command of the United States troops on the island of Samar. Generals Lloyd Wheaton, Samuel S. Sumner, James M. Bell and William H. Bisbee and Colonels Chambers McKibbin, William A. Rafferty, William E. Dougherty, Alfred C. Markley and Jesse M. Lee compose the court. The judge advocate is Major Harvey C. Carbaugh. Colonel Charles A. Woodruff will appear for the defense. The charge against General Smith is conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

Earthquake Caused Much Damage.

Mexico City, April 22.—The earthquake Friday evening covered a large extent of territory and reached down into Central America. The lower section of the Pacific coast of this country felt the shock very severely, and at Tapachula, an important town in the state of Chiapas, near the Guatemalan frontier, the damage to property is estimated at fully \$1,000,000.

Strike at Oregon City.

Oregon City, April 23.—Eighty weavers employed in the woolen mills owned by the Oregon City Manufacturing Company have walked out, owing to a disagreement over the scale paid for piecework on the looms. The plain weavers, who weave blankets, flannels and other plain material, have been receiving 3 cents per yard for their work.

To Succeed Gillilan.

Honolulu, April 14.—The special election held April 9 to choose a successor to the late Representative A. F. Gillilan resulted in a victory for the Republican candidate, W. W. Harris, against August Dreier, nominated by the home rulers and endorsed by the Democrats. The vote was Harris, 881; Dreier, 670.

London's Costly Fire.

London, April 24.—The damage done by the fire last night in the Barbican district of the city is roughly estimated at 2,000,000 pounds.

Crisis Not Yet Passed.

The Hague, April 23.—The condition of Queen Wilhelmina is unchanged. Her physicians say it is impossible to predict the date of the crisis in her illness. An extraordinary cabinet council was held today. The meeting engendered numerous rumors concerning a decision in the matter of the regency, but it is said upon good authority that this matter was not discussed at the council.