



EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week. Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

Jerome Sykes, the well known actor, is dead.

W. J. Bryan's European trip failed to change his free silver views.

Roosevelt and the cabinet have considered the protest of Colombia and will answer it soon.

Secretary Root is conducting negotiations with General Reyes during the illness of Secretary Hay.

President Roosevelt has ordered an inquiry into the conditions at Kishinev, where Hebrews fear a second massacre.

Senator Fulton has shown the land commission that the present national policy is working to the injury of Oregon.

One report says Russia is slowly moving troops toward Pekin; another that she is more willing to make concessions to China.

The senate committee has outlined a probable action if Senator Smoot challenges the authenticity of the charges against him.

Japan has outbid Russia for two warships nearing completion in Italy.

Postmaster Bancroft will not be removed from the Portland postoffice.

Whitcomb and Fairhaven have united and will be known as Bellingham in the future.

Santo Domingo has now two revolutionary governments and foreigners fear they will suffer.

The Japanese commissioner to the St. Louis fair says Japan will make no concessions to Russia.

Ghouls robbed many of the dead in the Michigan train wreck. The death list has been swelled to 21.

Russia is not prepared for war and may await a more favorable time, although she is buying large quantities of stores.

The Colombian charge at Washington has little hope of receiving a favorable answer and is preparing to close the legation.

During the present session of congress the navy will be materially strengthened. When the additions already authorized are completed, the United States will have a more powerful navy than any other nation except Great Britain.

Italy has recognized the new republic of Panama.

Japan will send a large force to Corea to end rioting.

A severe cold wave has swept the East and Middle West.

Russia will probably modify her demands rather than go to war.

Japan is buying large quantities of lead for the manufacture of bullets.

The United States has ordered a gunboat to Corea to protect the American minister.

Efforts are being redoubled to have China ratify the trade treaties with the United States.

The Colombian charge will quit Washington if Secretary Hay ignores Colombian demands.

Large patent medicine manufacturers will, the first of the year, take measures to establish uniform prices.

Chief Newell, of the reclamation service, will visit Oregon and confer with the people about irrigation projects.

The Far Eastern situation is very threatening.

Britain will aid Japan if she goes to war with Russia.

The Colombian force which landed on the Island of Pines will have to go.

A lone masked man robbed a gambler on the Dalles of about \$1,000.

Chicago livermen have decided to fight the union beer drivers to a finish.

The bakers of Paris have gone on a strike and the situation has assumed a serious aspect.

General Reyes has warned Colombia that war on Panama means war on the United States.

The Yosemite national park cannot be used as a storage reservoir for San Francisco water supply.

Governor Taft has left Manila for the United States. He was given an enthusiastic farewell on leaving.

Rear Admiral Walker believes force of marines now at Panama is sufficient, but two more battalions will probably be sent.

Colombians at Bogota are holding nightly warlike demonstrations.

ARMY TO PANAMA

General Staff Gives Orders to Prepare to Go to the Isthmus.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The general staff of the army today ordered troops to prepare for a Panama campaign. Soldiers at Vancouver, Wash., are among those selected, as will be seen by the list, which follows:

First, Fifth and Twenty-fourth batteries of field artillery, Presidio, San Francisco; Eighth battery of field artillery, Vancouver barracks; troops A, B, C and D, Ninth cavalry (colored), Monterey, Cal.; troops I, K, L and M, Ninth cavalry, Presidio; Fifteenth infantry, Monterey; Nineteenth infantry, Vancouver barracks; Tenth infantry, San Francisco; battalions of the Thirtieth infantry at Fort McDowell, Fort Madison and Benicia barracks, Cal.; four companies of Sixteenth infantry of Fort Slocum, N. Y., and eight companies of the same regiment at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Shaler, who is a member of the general staff of the army, and an expert on fortifications, has been ordered to Panama to inspect the fortifications, and have his report in Washington before General Reyes, of the Colombian army, who is now here, can return.

These orders for preparation were issued today because the general staff has been informed that Colombia can land troops upon the isthmus much more easily than was believed to be the case. General MacArthur will have charge of all matters on the Pacific coast. His return from Hawaii was hurried for this purpose.

ON WAR FOOTING.

Japan is Completing Final Preliminaries—Britain Will Take Loan.

Yokohama, Dec. 31.—The government is completing the final preliminaries for placing the country on a war footing. Imperial ordinances issued authorize the government to make an unlimited issue of treasury bonds to provide war funds, creating a special council of war, and fixing the imperial headquarters.

In the event of war, if a special issue of war bonds is made, it is understood that the bonds can be floated in England, whence it is said assurances have come that the money would be forthcoming.

The ministers and executive chief discussed the situation for three hours yesterday, but nothing regarding their deliberations was made public.

The ordinance passed yesterday by the cabinet committee authorizing a guarantee of the principal and interest of an issue of 10,000,000 yen debentures for the purpose of expediting work on the Seoul-Fusan railway, and which provided for all possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests, also authorized the government to utilize 50,000,000 yen, the proceeds of the Chinese war indemnity, which hitherto has been devoted to educational and other purposes, as a war fund. In addition, authorization is given to issue treasury notes, repayable in five years, and to raise loans repayable in two years to an unlimited extent.

ASKS FOR AMERICAN WARSHIP.

Minister Powell Deems the Situation at Santo Domingo Grave.

Washington, Dec. 31.—With three revolutions raging on the island, the forces of Jimenez within four hours of Santo Domingo City, and excitement prevailing, Minister Powell thinks the situation demands the presence of an additional warship, and in a cablegram dated yesterday appeals to the state department for aid. In anticipation of the crisis which appears to have arrived, the state department has already taken steps to send another warship to Santo Domingo, and at its request Secretary Moody yesterday cabled Rear Admiral Lambertson, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, now at Trinidad, to dispatch one of his vessels to Santo Domingo at full speed to assist the gunboat Newport in protecting Americans and other interests.

Admiral Lambertson late today cabled the navy department from Trinidad that he has sent the Scorpion to reinforce the Newport in Dominican waters.

SOLDIERS TRAVEL IN BOXCARS.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 31.—Number 83 company, Royal Garrison artillery, 113 strong, left for Hong Kong on the steamer Empress of India today, being relieved by No. 58 company, which arrived from Halifax tonight. The change is made in the regular schedule of garrison changes and has no bearing on the Far Eastern crisis. The company which came from Halifax came in boxcars fitted with hammocks, instructions having been given to test that mode of travel. The men found the arrangements comfortable.

CANAL PARTY WINS GREAT VICTORY.

Panama, Dec. 31.—Heavy rains have been falling here for several days, causing severe damage to telegraph lines. No news has been received from Los Santos or Chiriqui provinces. From other provinces confirmation has been received of the overwhelming triumph of the mixed candidates proposed for membership in the constitutional convention by the patriotic committee, which endeavored to choose men favoring the ratification of the canal treaty.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Louis A. Dent, register of wills of the District of Columbia, called on President Roosevelt today, and talked over the recent action of the president in displacing him, and naming Corporal Tanner as his successor. Dent the position was tendered to Mr. Dent the position of consul at Dawson City, Yukon.

Japan Trying to Buy Warships. London, Dec. 30.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivadavia, now building at Genoa, Italy, but the Japanese legation has not heard of the completion of their purchase.

TO STAY MURDER

Jewish Societies Fear for People in Russia.

THEY WILL APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT

Second Massacre at Kishinev Very Probable—Jan. 7 is the Date Mentioned—Seattle Club to Their Aid.

Washington, Dec. 30.—With the view of enlisting the immediate and active interest of the United States against the reported contemplated massacre of Jews in Russia on January 7, the Russian New Year, Simon Wolf, representing the United Jewish societies, tomorrow will lay before the state department an appeal in behalf of his people representing to him thus to be threatened.

Following his visit to the state department, Mr. Wolf will be received by President Roosevelt, at which time the whole subject of the status of the Jews in Russia will be discussed.

Seattle Club Makes Appeal.

Seattle, Dec. 30.—The Harmony club of Seattle, composed of 314 of the most prominent Jews in this city, has sent messages of appeal to President Roosevelt, the members of the Washington delegation in congress and William B. Hearst, of New York, asking aid and intercession in behalf of the Jews who are in danger of a massacre in Kishinev, January 7. The text of the telegram to the president which is indorsed by Governor McBride, of Washington, follows:

"The Harmony club, consisting of 314 Jewish citizens of Seattle, appeal to your excellency to intercede in behalf of Jews of Kishinev, threatened with massacre January 7.

"Harmony Club. "By M. Summerfield, chairman."

AGAINST REPEAL OF LAND LAW.

Mondell Argues for Amendment of the Timber and Stone Act.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, chairman of the irrigation committee, today appeared before the public lands committee and presented an argument in favor of a modification of the timber and stone act. He stoutly opposed the outright repeal of this law or its radical modification, for he showed it was the mainstay of the national irrigation act and afforded the great bulk of money that is converted into the reclamation fund. He furthermore asserted there has been no such extensive frauds perpetrated under this law as has been represented by certain department officials and in the newspapers.

Mr. Mondell believes the timber and stone act should be amended so as to permit the government to realize a higher price for its public-land timber in Oregon, Washington and California, where the land is worth more than \$2.50 an acre, but he stoutly objects to having the price raised on timber lands in the inter-mountain states.

Chairman Lacey, of the public lands committee, also addressed the committee. He is opposed to the repeal of the timber and stone act but is willing to see the law amended so the government will derive a reasonable price for its timber lands. He thinks a fixed price per acre cannot be agreed upon, owing to the varying value of timber lands in different parts of the West.

TO AID AMERICAN SHIPS.

Strong Effort Will Be Made for Bill Concerning Philippine Trade.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Unless there is some unforeseen opposition, it is more than probable that the present session of congress will enact some legislation for the protection of American vessels trading with the Philippines. It was said today by an officer of the Newport News shipbuilding company that Senators Frye, Lodge, Hanna and other powerful leaders intend to push the bill recently introduced by the Maine senator providing for such protection. The bill is radical in its provisions, and inflicts as a penalty for forfeiture of any cargo brought to the United States from the archipelago except in American vessels. The bill, if passed, is to go into effect on July 1, 1904.

Gorge in the Alleghany.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—The recent cold snap has made dangerous the ice in the Alleghany river. At Rosston the gorge is an immense affair, being packed to the bottom and extending 15 miles up stream. It was formed during a thaw and the ice, breaking into small pieces, has packed all the way to the bottom, offering resistance that can scarcely be overcome. The water is now backing up and spreading over the lowlands. The gorge at Springdale still holds and but little ice is floating in either the Alleghany or Monongahela rivers.

Purchase of Tacoma Site Urged.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Cushman today appeared before the general staff of the army and urged a favorable report on the project to purchase the American lake camp site, near Tacoma. He was assured his report would have early consideration. Cushman also urged the interior department to reconsider its ruling that there is no authority of law for erecting new buildings at the Puyallup Indian school. This will be taken under advisement.

Panama's Stand on Debt.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The statement of M. Bunan-Varells, the Panama minister, that his government is willing to assume a portion of the Colombian debt, has been received at the British embassy and transmitted by cable to the London government for its consideration.

LOOT UNDER FIRE.

Daring Robbery of Bank at Kiowa, Indian Territory.

South M'Alister, I. T., Dec. 30.—A gang of five bank robbers looted the bank in Kiowa, a small town 16 miles north of here, at 3 o'clock this morning and escaped after several hundred shots had been exchanged between the robbers and a posse of 50 citizens of Kiowa.

The robbers dynamited the safe and secured \$2,800 in cash, some of which is believed to have been mutilated by the explosion. The bank building was partially wrecked, the damage to the building being about \$1,500.

An entrance to the bank was gained by the use of crowbars through a rear window. While two of the men did the work of blowing up the safe, three stayed outside as guards. The first explosion was a failure, making a loud report but doing little damage. The citizens heard the noise, and arming themselves with revolvers and shotguns, hurried to the bank.

At the command of a leader of the citizens a volley was fired at the robbers, who were visible through the shutters. The fire was returned by the guards secreted on the outside.

While the two men on the inside worked, the three men on the outside kept up a steady fire with the posse of citizens. It took three explosions to open the safe. After the last explosion the burglars gathered up their tools and leaving through the front of the bank got away in the dark.

The posse followed the gang for a distance but lost the trail. While some of the citizens believe one robber was injured not one of the citizens was struck. The latter were protected from the fire of the robbers by stock pens in the rear of the bank building.

A posse of United States marshals is in pursuit, with little chance of immediate results, as the men had several hours' start.

OUTLOOK OMINOUS.

War Party Gaining Strength in Japan—China Would Be Neutral.

Pekin, Dec. 30.—The opinion entertained by the best informed diplomats in Peking, that war between Russia and Japan is probable and almost inevitable, remains unchanged.

Nothing has been received here to corroborate the special dispatches from Tokio which said that the Japanese government was adopting an imperative tone in pressing for speedy reply to this last note. The report is not believed.

Official communications received here from high sources say that the Japanese war party is growing in strength and is bringing all its influence to bear upon the government. The Chinese board of war has ordered the viceroys to furnish full information as to the numbers of foreign trained troops available for active service.

The viceroys of three of the central provinces in response have reported that 90,000 such troops are in readiness. This unquestionably is a remarkable exaggeration, as the great majority of the foreign trained troops exist only on paper.

The dowager empress has issued an edict at the request of Prince Ching, appointing several unknown and probably inexperienced officials as heads of army departments. One such has been appointed director of training, another has been given command of the department of instruction, while a third has been put in charge of the department which has to do with the supply of ammunition.

JAPAN WILL SAFEGUARD COREA.

Russia Must Modify Her Answer at Once to Avert Such Action.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—An extraordinary meeting of the privy council today approved the issue by the cabinet of an emergency ordinance authorizing the guarantee of the principal and interest of an issue of 10,000,000 yen debentures for the purpose of expediting the work on the Seoul-Fusan railway, which is expected to be finished by the end of the year. The ordinance also provides for all possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests.

Russia Closely Watching China. New York, Dec. 30.—The Russian government is not with the closest attention and keenest interest the common energy now being shown by the Chinese in making warlike preparations under the guidance of a large number of Japanese instructors, cables the Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent. This has grown so serious as to come into the first line of Russia's circulations, broadening out the situation on new lines. Such a complication would bring into place the Franco-Russian and Anglo-Japanese treaties.

For Three Cent Car Fares. Cleveland, Dec. 30.—Two ordinances were introduced in the city council tonight pertaining to a 3-cent fare on street cars in this city. One was to the effect that the Woodland avenue franchise, expiring September 20, 1904, be given to the new 3-cent fare company, and a like transfer to occur when the Central avenue line franchise expires. The second ordinance was to the effect that the rate of fare on street car routes shall be made 3 cents.

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HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

RECORD IS COMPLETE.

Governor Files Last of Acts Passed by the Legislature.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has filed the last of the acts passed by the last legislature, and the record of that body at its special session is complete. Only ten of the bills seem to have effective emergency clauses. A number of others have emergency clauses which merely declare that an emergency exists, but under the referendum amendment it is necessary that in order to put an act into effect at once the legislature must declare that the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety so requires. Those acts which contain the emergency clause such as is required by the referendum amendment, are marked with an asterisk. All others will take effect 90 days from December 23.

Senate Bills.

S. B. 2, Smith of Umatilla—To amend charter of Adams.

S. B. 3, Carter—To incorporate town of Gold Ray.

S. B. 4, Dimmick—To incorporate Beaver Hill.

S. B. 5, Dimmick—To incorporate North Bend.

S. B. 6, Dimmick—To amend charter of Marshfield.

S. B. 7, Miller—To amend charter of Lebanon.

S. B. 8, Wade—To provide for deputy district attorneys in eighth district.

S. B. 9, Smith of Yamhill—To fix salary of judge of Lincoln county.

S. B. 14, Carter—To amend law prohibiting killing of elk.

S. B. 17, Rand—Correcting law relating to executions at penitentiary.

S. B. 18, Pierce—Fixing time to give notice of tax levies in 1904.

S. B. 19, Rand, Fixing time of holding circuit court in ninth district.

S. B. 21, Marsters—Appropriating \$2,000 for Soldiers' home.

S. B. 22, Carter—Placing limit of 10 per cent on interest on tax sales.

S. B. 23, Brownell—To prevent assignees from bringing suits to recover recorders' fees.

S. B. 25, Tuttle—To amend charter of Seaside.

S. B. 26, Mulkey—Granting life diplomas in certain instances.

S. B. 27, Wehrung, by request—Providing or condemnation of water rights.

House Bills.

H. B. 1, Kay—To repeal the tax law of 1903.

H. B. 2, Kay—To re-enact the old tax law.

H. B. 8, Carnahan—To correct the law relating to recorders' fees.

H. B. 15, Adams—Amending charter of Athena.

H. B. 16, Hale—Fixing salary of judge of Josephine county.

H. B. 20, Edwards—To incorporate Cottage Grove.

H. B. 21, Wheeland—To appropriate \$100,000 for Celilo canal right of way.

H. B. 23, Shelley—To revive the \$300 tax exemption.

H. B. 25, Wheeland—To amend charter of Dalles City.

H. B. 26, Burlingame—To incorporate Lostine.

H. B. 29, Malarkey—Raising salaries of circuit judges in Multnomah county to \$4,000.

H. B. 31, Judd, by request—To give owners of stallions lein on mares.

H. B. 37, Gault—Relating to competency of witnesses.

H. B. 40, Galloway—Amending charter of McMinnville.

H. B. 41, Edwards—To protect Chinese pheasants.

H. B. 42, ways and means committee—To appropriate money for expenses of special session.

Have Cash to Invest.

Pendleton—Never in the history of Eastern Oregon have the people been as wealthy as they are at the present time. The heavy crops, with the high prices, the large herds of cattle and the increased flocks of sheep is the cause. The farmers and the business men alike enjoy this reign of prosperity. More mortgages have been paid off this fall than ever before in the history of the country. A majority of the farmers, after paying themselves out of debt have deposits in the banks and are looking for investments.

Lumbermen Enter Protest.

Eugene—Two of the most important complaints to be made before the county board of equalization, which has been in session this week, was made by A. D. Hyland and the Booth-Kelly lumber company. They ask for a reduction in the assessed valuation of their large timber holdings. Assessor Burton has assessed timber lands at an average valuation of \$3 per acre, which is considerably higher than they have been assessed before.

Interest on Tax Sales.

Salem—The new law placing a limit of 10 per cent upon the rate of interest to be bid at delinquent tax sales will not go into effect until March 23, and will, therefore, not affect sales that are now being advertised under the tax roll of 1902. In some counties the tax sales are delayed, and may not be completed until the new law goes into effect. In nearly all counties, however, the delinquent lists are short, and sales will be conducted in January.

Shedd Postoffice Robbed.

Albany—A postoffice has reached Albany that the postoffice at Shedd station, in the southern part of Linn county, was broken into and robbed one night last week. The report is to the effect that the robber broke in the rear door to the building.

MONEY IN SUGAR BEETS.

Grand Ronde Farmers Get \$95,000 This Year for Their Product.

La Grande—The sugar beet industry netted the farmers this year \$95,000, according to the management of the La Grande beet sugar factory.

The beet crop this year was greatly in excess over the yield of 1902. The yield last year was 9,000 tons of beets, while this year it was nearly 12,000.

As announced earlier in the season, there were some portions of the crop which proved to be a complete failure. The failure, it is said by the professors at the experimental station at Union, was due to the lack of cultivation on the part of some of the farmers. It is said the farmers fully realize how beets should be cultivated, but some of them were careless about their work.

The average planted during the past summer was much larger than the previous year. There are more farmers entering the industry now than ever before in the history of the plant, and the indications are that the acreage for 1904 will be nearly double that of this year. The soil here is highly productive, for beet raising, and excellent results are obtained where proper cultivation is conducted.

The labor in harvesting the beets is not expensive, as pulling is generally done by Indians and Japs. Sometimes white labor is employed, but this year it was scarce.

The management of the factory realizes a large profit from the sugar manufactured. The management says one ton of beets will produce 240 pounds of sugar. Thus the 12,000 tons produced 288,000 sacks of 100 pounds each. This sugar was sold at 5 cents per pound, making a gross output of \$144,000.

LAWBREAKERS GET THE BIRDS.

Lane Sportsmen Do Not Believe Law Will Be Effective.

Eugene—The new law enacted by the special session of the legislature, prohibiting the killing of Denny pheasants for the next two years, is the subject of much comment in this vicinity, especially among sportsmen. The law does not appear to meet with favor.

The argument is advanced that it has not been the shooting of these birds lawfully that has been the means of reducing their numbers, and that if the old law had been rigidly enforced there would have been no occasion for further restrictions.

Coming Events.

Northwest fruitgrowers' association, Portland, January 11-13.

National livestock convention, Portland, January 12-15.

National woodgrowers' association, Portland, January 12-15.

Foultry show, Albany, January 12-15.

Angora goat show, Dallas, January 14-15.

Whitman-Oregon debate, Eugene, January 15.

Oregon Christian Endeavor convention, Pendleton, February, 19-22.

Vote to Form District.

Freewater—The election for the establishment of the Little Walla Walla irrigation district according to state law carried by a good vote. An attempt was made some time ago to form a district, but it was voted down by heavy property owners living near town. This time the district was selected so they would be left out. The formation of this district will stop the endless litigation over the supply of water.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 71c; blue-stem, 76c; valley, 77c.

Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$20.50; rolled, \$21.

Flour—Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per barrel; hard wheat straight, \$3.90@4.10; clear, \$3.55@3.75; hard wheat patents, \$