

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.

There is a great flood of Alaskan bills in congress. The Ohio legislature has re-elected Senator Hanna.

A gang of Italian robbers has been caught at Irrigon, Oregon, with much loot.

Ex-Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, is very low and his death may occur at any time.

Germany has informed Britain that she is ready to conclude a commercial treaty with Canada.

American ships will maintain a close watch and prevent any landing of Colombian troops on Panama soil.

Ex-Congressman Driggs, of New York, has been fined \$10,000 and given one day in jail for accepting a bribe.

Premier Balfour's statement that Britain will carry out its trade treaty obligations is deeply resented by Russia.

The senate engaged in a warm discussion over a resolution looking to arbitration of Colombia's claims against Panama.

The national Democratic committee, in session at Washington, indorsed the 1905 fair. The national convention to select a candidate for president will meet in St. Louis July 6.

The Iowa legislature is in session. A new cabinet has been formed in Chile.

Three more war vessels are on the way to Panama.

Ex-Governor John Young Brown, of Kentucky, is dead.

The senate upholds President Roosevelt in his Panama policy.

Senator Scott made a warm attack on General Wood in the senate. He terms him a "bloodless soldier."

Premier Balfour has made a statement which shows Great Britain to be with Japan in case of war.

Secretary of State Hay is again attending to the duties of his department after several weeks of illness.

Chicago councilmen, who have been investigating the theater horror, have turned their attention to the condition of the city's hotels.

Developments in the wreck of the steamer Clallam seem to show that the captain was largely responsible for the great loss of life, showing very poor judgment at the critical time.

W. J. Bryan has returned from his tour of Europe.

General John B. Gordon, the last of the famous Confederate generals, is dead.

Iron gates across the exits are discovered to have played a deadly part in the Chicago theater fire.

Ex-Mayor Walbridge, of St. Louis, is being boomed as a Republican candidate for vice president.

An order placed in California for \$250,000 worth of food stuffs is believed to be for Russia.

Representative Humphrey wants Seattle put on the list of cities where civil service examinations are held.

Senator Smoot denies that he is a polygamist and has answered other charges on file with the senate committee.

Japan has sent another note to Russia, which is practically an ultimatum. She will not wait long on the czar for an answer.

Professor Willis Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau, in his annual report, says there was but 17 per cent of errors in the forecasts of the past year.

China is sure to assist Japan in the event of war.

Corea may appeal to the United States in the event of an invasion.

The house has voted \$250,000 for eradication of insects affecting cotton.

Senator Dietrich, of Nebraska, has been cleared of the charge of selling an office.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster is dangerously ill at his home in Springfield, Ohio.

General Chaffee has been nominated to succeed General Young as chief of the staff of the army.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, is being gaurded for fear of assassination on account of the theater horror.

Warships are assembling at Colon, presumably for the purpose of making a hostile demonstration against Colombia.

A bill is before the house providing for the consolidation of third and fourth class mail matter to be admitted at the rate of one cent for each two ounces.

Brigadier General Randall is likely to be promoted to major general.

Great military activity prevails at Cartagene and Savanilla, Colombia.

Ex-Congressman Driggs, of New York, has been convicted of accepting a bribe.

IN JOINT SESSION.

National Conventions of Sheep and Cattlemen Meet in Harmony.

Portland, Jan. 13.—The delegates to the National Woolgrowers' and National Livestock conventions met in joint session yesterday morning and the two big organizations were heartily welcomed to Oregon and Portland by representative men of the state and city. The livestock association formally opened its annual meeting and the Woolgrowers, after a lengthy business session in the afternoon, adjourned sine die. More than a thousand delegates to the two conventions from every section of the United States thronged the Baker theater from pit to gallery. The house rang with repeated bursts of applause in response to addresses upon questions of vital interest to the two organizations. Shepherds and cattlemen met upon common ground, with common interests at heart, and discussed ways and means of securing mutual benefits.

The morning session was devoted to a program of entertainment, including music and addresses of welcome and responses. In the afternoon the woolgrowers met alone and completed the business of their meeting. Common interests of the woolgrowers and manufacturer were discussed. The condition of the mutton sheep market was thoroughly presented by representatives of the markets. Resolutions were adopted favoring legislation that the sheepmen deem to be beneficial to their industry, and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Senator E. E. Warren, of Wyoming, president; Jesse M. Smith, Utah, first vice president; George Truesdale, Maryland, second vice president; Mortimer Levering, Indiana, secretary, the treasurer to be selected by the executive committee.

The convention decided to meet in conjunction with the livestock men next year at such place as the latter convention should decide upon. San Jose, California, appears to be in the lead for the next convention of the two organizations, though Denver has a strong backing. An effort is being made to have the convention decide upon a permanent meeting place, where all succeeding meetings may be held. It is generally conceded that should this motion prevail, Denver will be selected as permanent headquarters.

The livestock convention will begin its work proper this morning, and three days will be devoted to earnest consideration of many questions of vital importance.

READY TO BLOW UP RAILROAD.

Japanese Spies All Along the Siberian Line are Awaiting Developments.

Liverpool, Jan. 14.—An interesting statement, in conjunction with the strategic value of the trans-Siberian railroad was made today by Eulford Bush, a member of a British mercantile firm at New Chwang. Addressing the Liverpool chamber of commerce, Mr. Bush, after covering the question of the light construction of the railway and the probability of the line being blocked if subjected to heavy military traffic, said his own observations, coupled with trustworthy native information, convinced him that at least 200 Japanese military engineers, disguised as Chinese coolies, barbers and other menials, had already been distributed at points along the railroad, and it would not be a fortnight before the declaration of war before the line would be blown up in a dozen places.

WILL SEND ARMY.

Colombia Proposed to Fight for Possession of Panama.

Colon, Jan. 14.—United States naval authorities here appear to be convinced, from the tenor of the reports which are continually brought in, that Colombia is determined to send an army to attack Panama. The Panaman authorities yesterday received official confirmation of the fact that the Colombian troops at Titumati number at least 4,000 men, under the command of Generals Ortiz, Uribe-Uribe, Bustamante and Novo. These troops are well armed and supplied with ammunition, and have four guns, three steam launches and a large supply of cattle.

To Concentrate Troops.

Port Arthur, Jan. 14.—It is reported here that owing to threatening news received from Corea, the commanding officer of the Seventh Russian brigade has gone to the Yula river to select temporary quarters and effect a concentration of troops. Owing to the apprehensions of a daring dash on the part of the Japanese at Port Arthur, the authorities here have taken extraordinary precautions in and about the town and along the whole of the Manchurian railroad. The whole Russian fleet is now in fighting trim.

Government Wins Old Suit.

New York, Jan. 14.—A suit begun in 1875 to recover uncollected duties has just been settled to the advantage of the treasury department. It was the case of the government against Merrick Price and others, brought to recover uncollected duties represented by warehouse bonds. The suit was carried from one court to another. Mr. Price and others interested have died, but the government kept at it, and finally has collected \$6,000 from his heirs.

Move to Secure Veterans Pensions.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Jan. 14.—The organization of teamsters of the Civil war will send a petition to congress asking for the passage of a law allowing all teamsters on the payroll during the war to receive a pension of not less than \$10 monthly. Petitions from similar organizations throughout the country will also be presented.

FAIR IS INDORSED

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EXPOSITIONS COMMENDS UNDERTAKING.

Sends Mitchell's 1905 Fair Bill to the Senate and Asks Favorable Consideration—Appropriation of \$2,125,000 Is Given Full Sanction—Few Changes Were Made in the Measure.

Washington, Jan. 3.—"An event so striking and so romantic in its character, involving so much of heroism and sacrifice on the part of those engaged in it, and resulting in benefits so great and enduring to our country, is, in the judgment of your committee, well worthy of commemoration by this government."

With these words, and after fully reviewing the purposes and plans of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, the senate committee on industrial expositions today unanimously commended Senator Mitchell's bill to the favorable consideration of the senate. The committee makes no material amendments in the bill as it was originally introduced, and makes no cut whatever in the appropriation, the amount called for remaining at \$2,125,000.

The bill was altered in only one essential feature. Section 9, which carries a lump appropriation of \$1,500,000, as direct government aid, is amended to provide that this money shall be expended under direction of the national commission and not under direction of the Lewis and Clark corporation. The committee found that in every instance where the government had aided expositions, the government funds were expended by the government commission, which was under control of the president. The exposition corporation is not subject to this control. Therefore the change.

Section 20 was amended to provide that expenses incurred by consular, military and naval officers in the Orient, in the collection of exhibits for the exposition, should be defrayed from the \$1,500,000 appropriation.

The only other change in the bill, aside from alteration in phraseology, occurs in section 4, which provides for the appointment of a board of arbitration to whom all matters of difference arising between the national commission and the exposition company shall be referred. Instead of allowing the exposition corporation and the state commission two members each on this commission, membership is restricted to one member each, making the total four instead of six. The right of the commission to designate a fifth member in case of deadlock is also provided.

WANTS TO JOIN PANAMA.

Island of San Andres Tires of Colombian Oppression.

Colon, Jan. 13.—The schooner Herald, which arrived here yesterday evening from Bocas del Toro, brought a commissioner from the island of San Andres who will endeavor to obtain the annexation of San Andres to the republic of Panama, owing to the dissatisfaction of the inhabitants of the island at the recent oppressive actions on the part of Colombian authorities. The commissioner will go to Panama and confer with the junta. He says 400 Colombian troops are now in garrison on the islands of San Andres and Providence, and that more soldiers are expected momentarily. The dissatisfaction, he adds, is general throughout the islands. San Andres does much business with the United States in coconuts, about 20,000,000 of these nuts being shipped there annually.

Panama is desirous of annexing San Andres and Providence, but it is believed that steps in that direction at the present moment would be inopportune.

The United States marines encamped at Empire and Bas Obispo are kept busy cleaning up the grounds around the camps, which are located on a healthy hill close to the railroad. The marines have also cleaned the canal company's houses, all of which now present a clean and smart appearance.

Battleships Make Guam.

Washington, Jan. 13.—A cablegram today from Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic fleet, announced the arrival of the battleships Kentucky, Oregon and Wisconsin at Guam from Honolulu on their way to Subig bay. It is expected that the cruiser squadron, consisting of the New Orleans, Albany, Cincinnati and Raleigh, will arrive at Guam today or tomorrow. The cruisers left Honolulu in company with the battleships, but, unlike the latter, stopped en route at the Midway islands.

Japan is Greatly Alarmed.

London, Jan. 13.—The Japanese government is alarmed at the report that the Russian Black sea squadron intends to pass through the Dardanelles. At the request of the Tokio authorities Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister to Great Britain, has made inquiries on the subject here, but the British foreign office has not heard that Russia has asked Turkey's permission and is not inclined to think Russia will raise such a question in Europe at present.

\$100,000 Fire at Trinidad.

Trinidad, Colo., Jan. 13.—A fire which originated in the basement of Fowler's furniture store this afternoon caused \$100,000 damage before it could be put under control. The Masonic block and the Bloom block were destroyed. For a time the entire business portion of the city was in danger and Pueblo was asked for help. The fire was caused by the overturning of a lamp.

WAR AGAIN SEEMS SURE.

Japan Receives Second Reply of Russia, Which is Unsatisfactory.

London, Jan. 13.—The Times' Pekin correspondent, citing under yesterday's date, says the Chinese minister at Tokio, at the request of the Japanese foreign office, telegraphed the following communication to Prince Ching: "The second Russian reply to the Japanese proposals has been received at Tokio, but it is unfavorable and cannot be accepted by Japan, who will, unless Russia recedes, be compelled to promptly resort to arms."

"In view of such an eventuality, Japan urges and expects China to maintain the strictest neutrality, to preserve order throughout the empire, to guard foreigners resident in the interior, and to take special care to preserve order in the provinces of Shantung and Yunnan, lest foreign powers might seize the pretext of disorder and make aggressive movements therein."

The correspondent says that the dispatch has deeply impressed the Chinese who now believe war to be inevitable.

Wild Rumors of War.

London, Jan. 13.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Mail wires that there is great excitement in the Russian capital, and that many wild rumors are in circulation. One reports that the czar has drafted a declaration of war. Still another declares that actual hostilities have already broken out. None of these reports can be confirmed, however, and while not generally credited, the feeling is increased that war cannot much longer be averted. This is significant in that until the last day or two everything in St. Petersburg has pointed toward an amicable settlement of the dispute.

IN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Woolgrowers and Livestock Association Meet in Portland.

Portland, Jan. 12.—The great national conventions which are in Portland for their annual meetings commenced work yesterday under most favorable circumstances. The sessions of the Woolgrowers' association were notable in the high tone of the addresses delivered and the earnestness with which the voting delegates approached the great questions to be considered. The livestock convention will not get down to business until this morning, but the machinery was set in motion yesterday which assures profitable results from the meetings which are to occupy the remaining days of the week. The visitors continued to pour in all day long, and by a conservative estimate they will number 1,500 when President Springer's gavel falls on the first session of the livestock convention today. An official welcome to the state and city will be extended to the visiting stockmen this afternoon by his excellency, Governor George E. Chamberlain, and Mayor George H. Williams. There will be responses on the part of the visitors and with the annual address of President John W. Springer the great national gathering will be fairly under way.

STRIKE AT COAL MINE ENDS.

Union Leader and Utah Mineowner Make Agreement.

Salt Lake, Jan. 13.—The labor troubles in the coal fields of Carbon county have been practically settled as a result of a conference between G. W. Kramer, vice president of the Utah fuel company, and Attorney S. A. King, representing the strikers. By the terms of an agreement satisfactory to both sides, the company agrees to lease for a period of six months all of the 225 houses erected by the miners on the company's property, paying therefor the lump sum of \$75,000, the amount to be paid for each individual lease to be determined by three appraisers who have already been appointed. If at the expiration of the agreement, the houses have not been removed they become the property of the company.

While the agreement does not affect the claims of either side in the way of adjustment of grievances, it destroys any apparent reason for the strikers to remain in the district and avoids the possibility of serious trouble arising from the eviction of miners from their homes.

Removing Duty on Coal.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Congressman Jones, of Washington, has been assured by leading representatives of the house that the emergency bill approved by the president on January 15 last, removing for one year the duty on coal, will not be continued in effect after next Friday. On that date the former duty will be restored, and it is the intention of the house leaders to grant no further concessions on coal, or any other commodities, until the time comes when they deem a general revision of the tariff necessary.

General Reyes Makes Bold.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Associated Press has been informed that General Reyes, in his last note to the state department, threatened to publish the correspondence between himself and the state department if the department did not see fit to send it to the senate or make it public. General Reyes left for New York at 1:30 tonight. He will sail from New York next Saturday direct for Colombia on the steamer Allegheny.

Russian War Preparations.

Paris, Jan. 13.—A special dispatch to the Patrie from Harbin, a town on the Manchurian railroad, describes the Russian war preparations. The Russian officials declare war is inevitable, but add that they are ready. Port Arthur, it is further asserted, will be occupied by 100,000 men, and in ten days reinforcements of 100,000 can reach Manchuria.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

IDLE MONEY AT WORK.

School Fund Surplus is Being Put Out at Interest.

Salem—The semi-annual report of State Treasurer C. S. Moore shows a heavy decrease in the surplus of money lying idle in the common school fund. A year ago, the balance in that fund was \$724,772.25. On January 1, 1904, the balance was but \$562,177.53. Since January 1, about \$10,000 has been sent out on loans and \$90,000 will be paid out in a few days on the Portland School District bonds.

Applications have been approved for loans to the amount of over \$60,000 more, so that it appears that the state has now but \$400,000 which it can offer to those who wish to borrow upon gilt-edged real estate security at 6 per cent interest. If the present demand for loans from the school fund continues, the balance will be out at interest within a year. The loaning of this fund, and consequent decrease in the amount of the idle surplus, means an increase in the revenues for school purposes. The interest on this fund is apportioned among the counties annually according to school population.

The report also shows a balance of \$85,640.50 in the general fund, from which the ordinary expenses of the state are paid. State Treasurer Moore says that a large portion of this amount will be used in paying the claims for the next quarter of 1903. During the next three months, however, nearly \$40,000,000 will be received from insurance companies under the law requiring them to pay a 2 per cent tax on their net receipts, and this sum will be sufficient to pay the ordinary expenses of the state until state taxes begin to come in, about April 1.

HEAR RAILROAD'S PLEA.

Timberland Assessment in Land Reduced to \$2.50 Per Acre.

Engene—The county board has decided to reduce the assessment on the timber lands of the Southern Pacific company in this county from \$3 to \$2.50 per acre, after considering the argument of the attorney of that company. The reduction, however, was not made until the company should agree that there would be no contest on that figure.

The lands of the railroad company were assessed the same as all timber lands, but the argument was made that these lands were less valuable than the lands held by other corporations, for the reason that the railroad grant consists of certain sections by numbers, regardless of whether they are valuable or not, while the lands of other corporations and individuals have been selected and it is reasonable to suppose valueless claims would not be acquired.

Makes a Good Showing.

Pendleton—The annual report of Assistant Postmaster French shows that Pendleton has one of the few self-sustaining offices in the state. The total revenue of the year was \$13,687.43, while the total expense was \$5,867.77. The total receipts for 1902 were \$13,539.07. The net increase of the office for 1903 over the previous year was \$148. This the officials consider is a good gain, since Pendleton has a free delivery. For a while when the free delivery was established the receipts from box rent fell off, but the demand at the present time for boxes seems to have outgrown the office, and 60 more have been asked for. This will make a total of 600.

Stockmen Feel Better.

Pendleton—The cattlemen and sheepmen of the Blue mountain district are rejoicing this winter because of the extraordinary open season. Up to the present spring like weather has prevailed, and only in a few sections has the temperature been but little below the freezing point. So far, the sheep to be held over the winter have not required feeding, remaining on the pastures, the grass of which is holding out remarkably well. Considerable rain has fallen during the fall, and so far grass has been growing.

Dividend by Prune Association.

Salem—The Willamette valley prune association has declared a dividend on the Petite prune crop handled by the association in the Salem and Roseburg districts this season. The total amount handled of this variety was 635,000 pounds. Net prices to the grower, 40s, \$0.0395; 50s, \$0.0382; 60s, \$0.0368; 70s, \$0.0267; 80s, \$0.0210; 90s, \$0.0155; 100s and over, \$0.0099. These prices gave the growers a net basis price of a little less than 2 1/2 cents.

Good Winter for Farmers.

Salem—Captain Hunt, a prominent farmer of the Waldo hills, says that the season thus far has been a very favorable one for farmers and winter wheat is in excellent condition. Farmers in this part of the county have not fed their livestock a fork full of hay or a measure of grain this winter, and probably will not do so. Pasturage has been good and cattle do well with the grass they can get, and the straw that is stacked for them in the fields.

Coal Vein Struck Near Union.

La Grande—At a depth of 280 feet a vein of coal has been struck in W. J. Townley's artesian well near Union. Just what the depth or the thickness of the layer of coal has not been ascertained. Work will be immediately resumed on this proposition, and its development is being awaited with keen interest throughout the county.

LOST IN STRAITS.

Fifty-Four Lives Sacrificed to Storm Between Seattle and Victoria.

Seattle, Jan. 12.—The Seattle-Victoria steamer Clallam was lost early this morning midway between Smith Island and Dungeness spit, at least 54 persons losing their lives in the disaster. Every person who put off in the lifeboats, lowered when it was apparent the steamer could not live out the terrific gale that was blowing, drowned. Only those who stayed by the vessel, fighting against the sea for possession of the craft, were saved. These persons were compelled to fight desperately for their lives, rushing forward when the vessel turned on her beam ends, clinging frantically to the rails and finally slipping into the water onto a life raft that had been lowered. Subsequently they were picked up by the tugs Sea Lion and Holyoke.

It was not the fault of the commanding officers nor the men in charge of the life boats that the passengers who took to the boats were lost. When the life boats were lowered land was within sight, yet the impotent Clallam was unable even to make headway against the gale. Prudence dictated that the passengers and such of the crew needed to navigate the boats be given the opportunity of saving their lives by the life boats. That they failed to reach shore was due entirely to the fact that human strength was but a feeble protest against the fury of the elements.

Had all the passengers and crew remained on board, it is undoubtedly true that most of them would have been lost when the boat turned over and gave up the struggle. Others stronger and better able to care for themselves drowned with the relief tugs standing by waiting to take them aboard.

CAN'T STIR AMERICA.

General Reyes Realizes His Mission is a Failure and Will Soon Leave.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Convinced of the determination of the United States not to retrace a step on the isthmus, and of the consequent failure of his mission, General Rafael Reyes, Colombian special envoy, is ready to leave Washington. Indeed, he informed the Associated Press at noon today that he would leave for Baltimore at 4 o'clock to consult a specialist, and that his return was uncertain. He did not take that train, however, and at a late hour tonight was at his hotel.

General Reyes said tonight he was yet hoping for an answer to his last request that the correspondence be sent to the senate, and he could not say definitely when he would leave Washington. He added that when the time came for going he would officially take leave of the president and other officials with whom he had come in contact.

In a long cablegram which General Reyes dispatched to General Marroquin he has reviewed the negotiations at Washington and informed the Bogota government that after doing everything in his power to save something from the wreck he has failed. General Reyes expects, in view of the high feeling prevailing in Colombia, that it will be very difficult to restrain his people longer.

CANADA ASKED TO JOIN.

Hay Moves for International Salmon Hatchery on Fraser.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary of State Hay has determined to ask the Canadian government to join in a conference looking to the establishment of international fish hatcheries on the Fraser river, in British Columbia, for the propagation of salmon. The conference, if agreed upon, probably will be participated in by the United States fish commissioner, the fish commissioner for the state of Washington, and officials in charge of the department of fisheries and marine for the Dominion of Canada.

The plan suggested has been urged for more than a year by Senator Foster, of Washington, who has called the attention of the state department to the fact that, unless some heroic course is taken, the salmon supply will be exhausted. Millions of dollars are invested in salmon canning establishments in the United States and Canada, which are supplied almost entirely by the spawn coming from the Fraser river. The method employed by both the United States and Canadian canning companies have been the subjects of disputes between the two governments.

Armenians Create Terror.

Constantinople, Jan. 12.—Advices from Erzerum say the people of Soussa are in a state of semipanic, fearing a repetition of the events of 1894. The local governor and other officials have fled. Tewfik Pasha, with several battalions of troops and six guns, has arrived at Mush, where the feeling of anxiety is intense. Detachments of Kurdish cavalry have been stationed at all of the villages along the Russian frontier to prevent the passage of Armenian bands. A thousand armed Armenians are in the district of Soussa.

Ex-Secretary Foster Dead.

Springfield, O., Jan. 2.—Ex-Governor Charles Foster, who was secretary of the treasury under President Harrison, died at the residence of General Keifer here today from the effects of cerebral hemorrhages. He was 73 years old and is survived by his wife and a daughter. He was attacked last night while sitting in the library of General Keifer's home talking and never regained consciousness. No arrangements for the funeral have been made.

China Ratifies the Treaty.

Pekin, Jan. 12.—The Chinese emperor has ratified the American and Japanese treaties of commerce with China.