

WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

The main Japanese army is within 21 miles of Mukden.

Russia fears that China will occupy the territory conquered by Japan.

The continued silence of Kuropatkin greatly irritates the Russian public.

Germany is reported to have made a secret treaty to give Russia indirect aid.

The Russian Baltic fleet has again delayed its departure for the Far East.

The British ship Ditton, from Newcastle, has gone aground off San Francisco bay.

St Petersburg officials profess ignorance at the arrival of the Lena at San Francisco.

The flood of the Rio Grande river is doing great damage to property in Texas and it is feared many lives will be lost.

The first shipment of the Lewis and Clark souvenir gold dollars have arrived in Portland.

Arrangements for placing them on sale are not complete. They will bring \$2 each and to the purchaser of five an additional one will be given.

They are a little smaller than a dime. The first shipment contained 25,000.

The Japanese are expected to enter Mukden soon.

Republicans elected the governor of Maine by a plurality of 33,000.

Robbers held up a train at Letts, La., but found the safe contained no money.

Military critics at Liao Yang say that Kuropatkin did not believe he could be defeated.

The reason for the Russian abandonment of Mo Tine pass remains as much of a mystery as ever.

A Knight Templar train was wrecked near Reno, Nev., and two people killed and 25 others injured.

Japan has entered a protest against the Russian transport Lena remaining in San Francisco harbor.

The ship may dismantle and stay in the harbor until the war is ended.

The Japanese are reported to have routed the rear guard of the Russian army at Hun river.

General Zassalitch and 3,000 of his 5,000 men have been taken prisoners.

The cruiser Milwaukee has been launched at San Francisco.

Kuropatkin must continue his retreat and await reinforcements.

An interparliamentary congress will ask the powers to stop the war in the Far East.

The Japanese army is expected to push on as soon as they are refreshed. Both armies are resting.

German iron dealers, it is reported, have been requested to furnish prices on 1,800 tons of cast iron for American delivery.

Many bids have been put in for the Oregon building at St. Louis. It will be sold to the highest bidder and turned over at the close of the fair.

Disease is a new horror feared at Mukden. The continued heavy rains and the hardships endured during the 10 days' fighting are sure to increase the sickness.

The navy department has appointed a board to inspect the merchant marine and ascertain the cost of changing each ship into a man of war and the length of time required should their services be needed in case of war.

Britain and Thibet have formally concluded a treaty.

A Russian force of 12,000 near Mukden is in a perilous position.

The new Russian minister of the interior will be liberal in his policy.

The spoils of war falling to the Japanese at Liao Yang were of little value.

Few of the Alaska salmon canneries will have as great an output as last year.

Russian papers claim that Viceroy Alexieff is directly responsible for the disaster at Liao Yang and want him put out.

Fire raged an entire day in Progreso, Mexico, before it could be checked. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The losses of both sides at the Liao Yang battle are estimated at 50,000, of which the Russians lost 20,000 and the Japanese 30,000.

The deported Colorado miner who confessed to having a part in the independence outrage says the others implicated with him are all officers and members of the United Mineworkers.

The Japanese are on two sides of Kuropatkin.

Rockefeller interests are said to be behind a new railroad to the Pacific coast.

J. J. Hill is reported to have sold his two new mammoth steamers to Russia.

A deported Colorado miner in Kansas has given the names of the strikers who planned the independence outrage.

The Russian drydock at Dalny has been repaired and is being used by the Japanese.

SHIP IN BAD WAY.

Russian Transport Lena Is Not Now Seaworthy.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The development of the day in the case of the Russian cruiser Lena at San Francisco was the clearing up of the official muddle arising out of the doubt as to which of the five departments of the government should deal with it.

Over night came a telegram from Admiral Goodrich, at San Francisco, showing that on his own initiative he had caused one of his expert officers to make a preliminary examination of the Lena, and that temporary repairs would occupy six weeks' time, and that new boilers would involve eight months' delay.

The president approved the admiral's action. Agreeable to the president's instructions, Acting Secretary Adee, for the state department, and Captain Pillsbury, for the navy department, had two conferences during the day, and the result was the preparation of instructions to Admiral Goodrich, which it is understood were wired to the president first for his approval.

There is good ground to believe that these instructions contemplate the allowance of sufficient time to the Lena to make temporary repairs. However, there is a growing belief that the vessel will be obliged to intern in the end, for it is altogether probable that by the time she could be made ready to go to sea one or more Japanese cruisers would be off the Golden Gate, ready to sink or capture her.

Foreseeing such an event as a request for the right to intern, the officials have been considering what shall be done with the crew, whether they shall be allowed to return to Russia on parole, or must be interned on their own ship in San Francisco harbor. On this point no decision has been reached.

FAST STRENGTHENING FORTS.

Japanese are Working Night and Day at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Sept. 15.—In its issue of September 8 the Port Arthur Novikrai remarks upon the energy of the Japanese, who continue the work of strengthening their forts near Rihlongshan night and day.

Outpost skirmishes at Port Arthur are still going on. On September 6 some Russian scouts stealthily approached the Japanese lines and kidnapped five Japanese sentinels.

Later they inadvertently ran into some wires hung with bells which the Japanese had strung up in order to sound an alarm. When the bells began ringing the Russians charged forward, firing the while. A Japanese detachment in a trench returned the fire wildly for a moment, and then retreated. The Russians gained the trench and found 46 Japanese dead there.

Two junks arrived here today from Port Arthur. One contained villagers from Polanten, which has been destroyed, and the other brought 187 Chinese deported by the Russian authorities. They reported that a junk, carrying three Russian officers, had been captured by the Japanese and taken into Port Dalny.

The villagers of Polanten complain that it is the practice of the Russians to commandeer everything obtainable in the way of eatables. They say the soldiers often entered their houses and took meats which had just been cut for themselves.

It is reported that the Russian are having difficulty with the powder they manufacture at Port Arthur. A shell fired from Golden Hill recently failed to carry the proper distance and dropped among some Russian troops, killing four of them.

Getting Exhibits for Fair.

St. Louis, Sept. 15.—Henry E. Dosch, director of exhibits of the Lewis and Clark exposition, has established headquarters in the Oregon building at the world's fair, and begun an active canvass to induce exhibitors here to participate in the Lewis and Clark fair. Already Japan has applied for a large amount of space at Portland. Mr. Dosch believes the large attendance promised from Asiatic countries, will make the Portland fair one of the great opportunities for exhibitors.

Falling Back to the Press.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—It is now generally conceded that General Kuropatkin is falling back to the pass, and no serious stand is expected at Mukden. This movement is confirmed by the Associated Press dispatches from Mukden, which indicate that the Russian movement is being effected slowly but in an orderly manner. The two armies are merely keeping in touch with each other, no fighting of consequence being reported.

Fire Burns Large Winery.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 15.—The Natoma Vineyard winery, 15 miles northeast of this city, on the American river, together with the fermenting plant and distillery burned to the ground tonight. The Natoma winery was one of the largest in the state and the loss probably will reach \$300,000.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

TO BUILD IN GRAND RONDE.

Assurance Given That Railroad Will Be Constructed.

Pendleton—W. E. Davidson, secretary of the Eastern Oregon Development company, and member of the firm of W. E. Davidson & Co., mining brokers of Pendleton, says that the electric belt line to be built in Grand Ronde valley is an assured success. His father, T. W. Davidson, is in the East now interesting capital in behalf of the project, and at the present time the outlook is most encouraging.

Grounds for a terminal and depot have been donated by the residents of Cove. The Amalgamated Sugar company has agreed to raise 500 acres of beets along the line, where heretofore the price of hauling has made their culture prohibitive. The right of way has been secured, and had it not been for Chief Engineer A. B. Browne being called to Canyon City as a witness in a suit at law the survey would have been completed at this time.

The power proposition on the Minam river has not been looked into except to ascertain that at least 20,000 horsepower could be developed.

Survey of Eugene-Corvallis Line.

Eugene—The Willamette Valley Electric railway company announces that its corps of surveyors will probably begin surveying for its Eugene-Corvallis line this week. T. W. Archer, a civil engineer, who will have charge of the work, has arrived from California. He will also select a site for a power station. It has been practically settled that the station will be located on the Mackenzie river near Seavey place, six miles from Eugene. H. C. Diers, chief engineer of the company, has arrived at Coos bay, and will at once start a crew of surveyors from there north up the coast by way of Gardiner and Florence to Eugene.

Cove Fruit for the Fair.

La Grande—The management of the horticultural exhibit at the St. Louis fair has written to Stackland Bros., of Cove, who are among the leading fruit-growers in the Grand Ronde, for more of the fruit from this valley, and in a telegram asks: "Can Cove ship now, car prunes, plums, pears and apples? We pay freight. Sell at least half and return proceeds. Wire collect." To which they replied that a car would be shipped in two weeks' time, as some of the fruits are hardly ripe just now.

Drill for \$500 a Side.

Sumpter—As a result of the drilling contest at Bourne on Labor day, in which M. D. McLeod came off victorious, there is promise of a much more interesting contest. McLeod, holding the championship for Oregon, has been challenged by William Maddern, for a match at \$500 a side. The preliminaries have been arranged, and the town offering the most tempting purse will get the contest. There is some talk of making the side bet \$1,500, so confident is each man of beating the other.

Lawton Townsite Sold.

Sumpter—The townsite of Lawton, which over four years ago gave such promise of greatness, has been sold for \$3,000. This was the amount of a judgment held by Lina Sturgis against the townsite company. Many buildings were erected during the boom, and Lawton was put down in the brain of the fanciful promoter as the terminus of an important railway line that would come creeping up the mountains from a junction with the O. R. & N. This dream faded away and with it Lawton's claim to distinction.

Plan Long Wagon Road.

Portland—The plan to build a wagon road from Portland to the California line has been discussed favorably by the county court. Multnomah county already has a road which reaches to Clackamas county and it can be made a first class road with not much expense. Other counties have roads extending from one county to the other in some instances, but to make one continuous road the whole distance might require state aid.

Washington County Shipments.

Hillsboro—Agent Hinsbaw, of the Southern Pacific, states that notwithstanding the short hay and grain crop this year, the shipments out of Washington county exceed that of any fall season for years. A part of the heavy shipments is due to the condensed milk company, which sends out from two to three cars each week.

Wheat Mysteriously Burned.

Pendleton—Fire destroyed 1,500 bushels of wheat on the farm of E. J. Somerville, seven miles west of this city. The crop was raised by John Ludemann, his share being two-thirds. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The wheat was partly insured.

Northwest Wheat Markets.

Portland—Walla Walla, 78c; bluestem, 83c; valley, 84c. Tacoma—Bluestem, 84c; club, 79c. Albany—78c. Salem—80c. Colfax—Club, 70c; bluestem, 75c. Pendleton—Club, 70c; bluestem, 73c. La Grande—Club, 65c; bluestem, 70c.

IMMENSE TIMBER FORESTS.

Coos and Curry Await Railroad for Development.

Marshfield—An agent looking for timber for an Eastern syndicate says that he has figures that show that there are 24,000,000 feet of timber in Coos county alone and 80,000,000 feet accessible to Coos bay if a railroad is built through the county. He says that on the Umpqua are 33,000,000 feet and on the Siuslaw 15,000,000 feet. In Curry county he found large tracts of black oak that would make fine furniture. These trees, he says, will average three cuts of 20 feet each. Eight thousand acres of this oak timber was bought by San Francisco tanners for its bark but the timber had been found to be too valuable for manufacturing purposes to peel for its bark.

On Tillamook bay and its tributary streams he says there are 20,000,000,000 feet, and on the Nehalem and its north and south forks are 25,000,000,000 more feet. This includes fir, cedar spruce and hemlock. He says the timber has all been cruised, and that his figures are conservative.

Association Fast Building Up.

Pendleton—The Pendleton Commercial association is rapidly building up under the present regime, having during the past few days received more than 60 new members. The membership now exceeds 150 and efforts will be made to swell the number to 200. The monthly dues have been reduced from \$2 to \$1, these special rates to continue until November 1. With the fusing of new life into the institution, plans have been under consideration for adding a gymnasium and making other needed improvements. As soon as practicable the association will begin making preparations for the Umatilla county exhibit for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Shipment of Silver Fir.

Estacada—Linn Brothers, who own a sawmill 10 miles northeast of this place, have just shipped from here a carload of the finest quality of lumber ever seen in this section of the state. The firm owns a large tract of timber land near their mill and now has on hand a very large assortment of finishing lumber. The timber from which it is sawed is of a variety called by timbermen "silver fir," and is of lighter color and finer grain than the yellow fir. A number of experienced lumbermen and carpenters saw the lumber as it was being loaded and all pronounced it the best they had seen in the state. The shipment went to Oregon City.

Crop Costs 25 Cents a Bushel.

Pendleton—A reservation farmer estimates that his crop this year cost him 25 cents a bushel sacked, exclusive of the cost of summer following. He paid \$2 75 per acre rent and hired all of the work done. His yield was 30 bushels to the acre, and the total crop 4,800 bushels, he having 160 acres in wheat. He sold at 57 1/2 cents, and estimates his profit at \$2,040. The coming season or the next, he will rent 1,000 acres. He says as a little can be made on each bushel he will rent a large tract and either get rich or go "broke."

Echo Will Co-Operate.

Echo—At a meeting of the Citizens' club of Echo, a committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. C. J. Smith, O. D. Teel, B. Saylor, F. B. Van Cleave and H. C. Willis, to act with similar committees appointed by the commercial organizations of Spokane, Walla Walla and Colfax, in Washington, and Pendleton, in Oregon, to act with the interior department in securing the best possible sites for the canals and reservoirs desired by the government for the several irrigation projects contemplated.

Yamhill Hopdryer Is Destroyed.

Amity—Fire destroyed the hop dryer and contents of A. H. Shumate, residing one mile northwest of Whiteson. Mr. Shumate had just finished picking his yard and had 10,000 pounds of hops in the building. The fire started between two walls, and it was impossible to get water to it. The man drying the hops had plenty of help and several barrels of water, but could not use it to any advantage. The insurance on the crop and building was \$3,000.

Smut Explodes Machine.

Pendleton—A threshing machine belonging to Donald Robinson, 17 miles north of Pendleton, was blown up. The explosion was caused by smut and rust in the wheat. The loss is \$1,500. None of the crew was injured.

Patients Increase at the Asylum.

Salem—The monthly report of the superintendent of the state insane asylum shows that the number of patients has increased from 1,371 to 1,375 during the month.

SEEKS FOR PREY.

Russian Vessel Puts into San Francisco for Repairs.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—The Russian transport Lena, Captain Berlinesky, put into this port today for repairs. The Lena is 31 days from Vladivostok via Bayaniwa, Sakhalin islands. She made the run from Bayaniwa in 19 days, which is considered fast time, showing that the Lena possesses speed qualities. The Lena has a crew of 497 men and 21 officers, and carries 23 guns. She has three funnels and three masts. Captain Berlinesky, who officially declares the Lena to be a transport, states that her engines and boiler are in need of repairs. After passing quarantine the Lena anchored off the Union Iron works, where she now lies.

According to Brassey's Navy Annual, the Lena was formerly the Kherston, of the Russian volunteer fleet. Brassey refers to her as a "volunteer cruiser" and also as a "transport vessel." The Lena has a speed of 19 1/2 knots. Her hull is of steel, and her displacement is 10,225 tons. She is 493 feet long, 54 feet 3 inches wide, and has a draught of 24 feet. She has two propellers. Her indicated horsepower is 12,500. She was built at Hebburn, England, in 1895. According to Brassey, the Lena carries three 4-inch quick firing guns and 20 of smaller calibre.

The arrival of the Lena has been reported to Washington. Instructions are expected from the Washington authorities tomorrow as to the length of time the Lena may remain in port.

OREGON IRRIGATION CONVENTION.

Association Will Hold Meet in Ontario September 19, 20 and 21.

The convention of the Oregon Irrigation association, to be held at Ontario, Oregon, September 19, 20 and 21, promises to be of the greatest interest of any yet held in the state. What irrigation can do for a country will be there given a practical demonstration when worthless sage brush land will be shown side by side with land worth \$300 per acre.

Senator Mitchell, Congressman Williamson and Hermann, Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, and Governor Morrison, of Idaho; Hon. D. W. Rose, United States geological survey; Mayor Glensman, of Ogden; Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural college, and numerous other speakers prominent in irrigation work from different parts of the country will be in attendance. Besides this, there will be over \$1,000 given away as premiums for fruit displays. One of these premiums is a \$100 silver loving cup to be presented by the city of Ontario to the Oregon county making the best fruit exhibit.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have made a rate of full fare going and one-third fare returning. The city of Ontario is well prepared for the accommodation of all who attend the convention and the association promises that all will be more than paid for the trouble and expense they may be put to.

CANADIAN TRAIN HELD UP.

Six Masked Men Make a Haul of About \$7,000.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 14.—The transcontinental express, due here at 7:45 last night, was held up 35 miles from Vancouver by six masked men and \$7,000 taken. The train was flagged and some of the men got on the tender with rifles. At the point of guns the engineer and fireman were compelled to take the baggage and express cars two miles away, where they were riddled. The train arrived at 12 o'clock. A special train with a large posse of policemen immediately left for the scene. This is the first holdup in Canada.

It is supposed that the train robbers expected to intercept the clean-up from the Consolidated Cariboo mines, amounting to \$60,000, and which was expected to be sent here about this time. It is said a cipher telegraph message was sent to the express messenger telling him to have his safe open, to be searched by an inspector, and that therefore he was off his guard. The authorities are now investigating this rumor.

Shop Was Blown Up.

New York, Sept. 14.—The barber shop of Joseph Stravelli, on Third avenue, was wrecked by an explosion just before 1 o'clock this morning, and 20 families living in the house were thrown into a panic, in which six tenants were hurt. Six weeks ago Stravelli received a letter crudely drawn by a "Black Hand," in which he was ordered to deposit \$500 between two stones at First avenue and Thirty-eight street. The letter closed by saying: "If you do not leave the money you take care of yourself."

Jews' Shops Pillaged.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 14.—Anti-Semitic rioting took place at Rovno, in the government of Colhynia, September 4, during which many persons were injured and shops pillaged. A similar outbreak occurred at Smela, in the government of Kieff, where the troops were called. Ninety-eight houses and 14 shops were pillaged, and several persons were seriously injured by the troops. Many of the rioters were arrested. The affair lasted for

Protest of Great Britain.

Madrid, Sept. 14.—The Herald says that Great Britain has protested against Spain for having acceded to the request of France to permit the Russian Baltic fleet to coal and remain at Corunna for a longer period than that permitted by international law.

STRIKE RIOTS

Two Nonunion Women Severely Beaten by Men.

AIDED IN ATTACK BY WOMEN

In Other Savage Attacks and in Fights Following Six People are Injured, Two Severely.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Two savage attacks were made upon nonunion workers at the stockyards tonight, and in the fights that followed eight people were injured, four of them so severely that it was necessary to take them to the hospital.

The first disturbance occurred at the intersection of Halstead and Root streets. Two young women, Annie Cook and Mattie Jasper, were on an east bound Root-street car, and when it reached Halstead street, several men and boys, with the aid of two or three women, dragged the young women to the street. Both were badly beaten before the police arrived. They were taken to the hospital. Mattie Jasper was struck with a brick, and her face and forehead badly cut.

The mob remained at a short distance from the car track and continued to throw stones. A west bound car, which happened to pass during the trouble, was struck by several of the missiles, and two of the passengers, Fremont Sloan and Annie Crodone, were injured.

Anton Ahutra, a driver for a brewery, tried to drive through the crowd and was hit in the back of the head with a brick and knocked from his wagon. His scalp was badly cut, but otherwise his injuries were not severe.

A call for help had been sent in by one of the officers, and Lieutenant Pim and six policemen soon arrived, and at once charged the crowd, which scattered. Policeman Chris Lyons was knocked down by a stone, but was not badly hurt.

A second riot took place in Root street, near Princeton avenue, where seven colored men employed in the stockyards were attacked by a large crowd of sympathizers with the stockyard strikers. John Sims, one of the colored men, was knocked down and nearly kicked to death. His kneecap was fractured, his jaw was broken, and he was badly injured about other portions of his head and severely hurt in the chest. The police finally dispersed the mob and several arrests were made.

AMERICANS WATCH THE LENA.

Patrol-Boat Will See No Fanatic Repeats the Maine Incident.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—Early today the destroyer Paul Jones, Lieutenant G. C. Davison commanding, was sent to an anchorage off the Union Iron works, close to the Lena. Later, the Paul Jones was reinforced by a steam launch from the Marblehead, in charge of Midshipman Davis, with an armed crew and four marines with loaded rifles and belts filled with ammunition. Assisted by the launch as a picket and patrol boat, the Paul Jones will keep a close watch over the Lena as long as she remains in port to see that the neutrality laws are rigidly enforced both for and against her.

Vigilance is being exercised that no fanatic, Japanese or other, creeps upon the Lena for the purpose of doing her harm and possibly repeating the Maine incident in this port, and equal vigilance is being exerted to see that she herself receives no military help in the shape of arms, ammunition, men or equipment, or any coal beyond the quantity to which she is entitled, namely enough to carry her to the nearest home port. Every boat that approaches the Lena is arrested by the launch until the officers in charge are satisfied that the boat's errand is legitimate.

Californians Will Come.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—An official invitation has been received by the California Promotion committee from President Goode, of the Lewis & Clark expedition, to visit the Portland fair next year. In the invitation the suggestion is made that the Californians arrange to visit the fair in a body, and to that end extend the annual business men's excursion to the Oregon metropolis in 1905. As this coincides with the original plan of the Promotion committee, efforts will be put forth to make it a noteworthy event.

Mrs. Flagler Robbed.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 14.—Word was received from New York today that a robbery by which Mrs. H. Flagler, of that city, lost a chatelaine bag containing money and jewels aggregating several thousand dollars in value, at Newport, was being investigated by detectives. The date of the robbery was not given, but as Mrs. Flagler has not been here since the middle of August it is thought it might have occurred at that time.

Only Half of Men Taken Back.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—It is estimated that about 10,000 men applied for work at the stockyards today. About 4,800 of the applicants were taken back by the packers. Many of the nonunion men failed to report for work, but a number appeared on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and other railroads, giving rise to much dissatisfaction among the union men.