

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Edward Wallace Hook is now governor of Kansas.

A great socialist conspiracy has been discovered in Russia.

Charles S. Deneen has been inaugurated governor of Illinois.

Witte is to succeed Mirsky as minister of the interior in Russia.

The president urges improvement of the army medical and ordnance service.

The oath of office has been administered to Governor Douglas, of Massachusetts.

Governor Peabody announces that he will contest the Colorado election and unseat Adams if possible.

General Stoessel says he was led to believe by Chinese spies that General Kurokatpin was marching south to relieve him.

W. J. Bryan attended the inauguration of Governor Folk, of Missouri. On invitation he addressed the legislature and advocated municipal ownership of public institutions.

Russia plans to spend \$200,000,000 on rebuilding her navy.

Missouri may appropriate \$200,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair.

The Colorado legislature has declared Adams elected governor, but Peabody may contest.

Committees of Atlantic steamship lines and railroads met to take steps against the rigid inspection of immigrants by the government.

Andrew Carnegie has intimated to the officials of the Franklin institute, of New York, that if they can secure the Franklin fund, amounting to \$155,000, he will duplicate the amount, as he did in the case of Franklin union, of Boston.

All the railroads centering in Chicago will apply to the United States district court January 17 for a permanent injunction restraining all local brokers from dealing in any form of non-transferable transportation.

The beef trust case is before the supreme court.

Russian revolutionists predict an early outbreak.

Several severe engagements have occurred near Mukden.

Russia's third Pacific squadron will be ready to sail February 14.

The movements of the Second Pacific Russian squadron are still undecided.

The Nebraska supreme court has declared the sugar bounty law unconstitutional.

A million dollars in gold has been engaged in San Francisco for shipment to Japan.

The North sea inquiry commission has adjourned until February. When it reconvenes Russia promises to have some sensational testimony to offer.

One man was killed and half a dozen persons seriously injured in a rear-end collision in which three trains crashed together on an elevated road in New York.

Fire damaged the cotton mill of the Edwards Manufacturing company at Augusta, Me., to the amount of \$75,000. Firemen had to fight not only the flames but a temperature of 32 degrees below zero.

The Japanese found 48,000 prisoners in Port Arthur, of whom one-third are sick.

The czar has decided to send 200,000 more troops to Manchuria.

The flagship of the Baltic squadron is reported to have struck a rock and sunk.

The czar's decision to continue the war causes great indignation and brings a revolution near.

The interstate commerce committee of the senate is working on a bill to regulate freight rates.

As a result of a collision on the Lake Shore road near Angola, N. Y., eight passengers were injured.

The continued internal strife in Santo Domingo may necessitate the United States to step in and put a stop to it.

Secretary Hay recommends that the naturalization laws be amended so as to restrict many courts from granting papers.

Although orders have not been issued, it is positive that the Russian Baltic squadron will return to European waters.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Upon reconvening today after the holiday recess, the senate plunged directly into the consideration of the bill for the admission of two states to be composed of Arizona and New Mexico and Oklahoma and Indian territory.

Heyburn introduced a bill for the regulation of corporations, which was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Senator Newlands introduced a joint resolution providing for a commission to frame and report to congress a national incorporation act for the construction and consolidation of railroads employed in interstate commerce.

In the house Representative Mann introduced a bill to abolish the isthmian canal commission and providing that the powers now invested in the president be extended until the end of the fifty-ninth congress.

Thursday, Jan. 5.

The joint statehood bill again occupied the major portion of the day in the senate.

Senator Bard introduced two bills intended to clear away obstacles that threaten to interfere with the construction of the Klamath reserve irrigation project in Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Senator Bailey submitted a proposed amendment to the constitution fixing the term of office of the president at six years and making him ineligible for re-election.

The house committee on fortifications reported the fortifications bill, carrying \$6,747,893, which is \$770,299 less than appropriated last session.

Friday, Jan. 6.

Arbitration treaties between the United States and seven foreign countries were made public today by order of the senate. The countries making the conventions are: Great Britain, Portugal, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Spain.

The nomination of W. B. Crum, a negro, to be collector of customs for the port of Charleston, S. C., was confirmed by the senate.

The house passed the fortifications bill.

Both houses adjourned until Monday.

Monday, January 9.

After the passage of the omnibus bill and a few minor measures and the fixing of January 28 for the delivery of addresses in memory of the late Senator Hoar, the senate devoted its time to the statehood bill. At 4:23 the senate adjourned.

The house spent the day in discussing minor matters and at 4:23 adjourned until tomorrow.

NOTHING FOR RIVERS.

Small Chance of Congress Passing a Bill at This Session.

Washington, Jan. 7. — Members of congress interested in securing river and harbor appropriations are becoming uneasy over the repeated warnings of Speaker Cannon and other Republican leaders that the strictest economy must be observed from now until adjournment.

So far as waterway appropriations are concerned, the fear is not alone based on the attitude of the party leaders, but the further and very significant fact that the rivers and harbors committee, though it has been in session more than a month, has accomplished absolutely nothing.

Asks Fee of \$200,000.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 7. — A fee of \$200,000 for James Smith, Jr., for acting as receiver for the United States Shipbuilding company was asked of Judge Lanning in the United States District court here today.

New Russian War Loan.

Berlin, Jan. 7. — The prospectus of the new Russian loan of \$81,000,000 will be issued tomorrow. Subscription lists will be opened in Germany, Russia and Holland January 12.

Another New Russian Loan.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7. — Official announcement of the issue of a new loan is published here for the first time. The amount of the loan will be \$115,750,000 bearing interest at 4 1/2 per cent from January 1.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

LEGISLATURE MEETS.

House Organizes, But Senate Does Not Agree on President.

Salem, Jan. 10. — The senate was called to order by Brownell, of Clackamas, who was president of the senate at the session of 1903. He was made temporary president and a committee on credentials appointed.

At the afternoon session the committee on credentials reported and the new members were sworn in. A motion that the senate proceed to elect a president was carried. Kuykendall, Miller and Carter were nominated.

Lane Wants Freight Rate Bill.

Eugene — The measure which seems to be considered of most importance by the Lane county members of the legislature is that of regulating freight rates.

Help Pilot Rock Country.

Pendleton — "The farmers and people, with a few exceptions, are much pleased over the prospect of a railroad out through Pilot Rock."

New Phone Line in Field.

Silverton — An independent telephone company has been formed to connect Silverton with the adjoining towns.

Will Buy a Fair Site.

Pendleton — The Pendleton Fair association was formally organized at a meeting of representative farmers and stockmen of the city and county.

Tillamook at Exposition.

Tillamook — There was a public meeting at the opera house a few days ago to take into consideration the matter of an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

May Extend to Tillamook.

Tillamook — Mayor Cohn has received a letter from the Oregon Traction company offering to build an electric line over the Wilson river road.

Ask for Better Roads.

Eugene — Farmers in the vicinity of Lorraine have come here with a petition signed by almost everybody in that section of the county asking for extensive improvements on the public road between Lorraine and Cottage Grove.

New Courthouse for Tillamook.

Tillamook — The tax levy for Tillamook county was made by the county court, it being placed at 27 mills.

MORE CONTROL OVER ROADS

Purpose of Law Proposed by Various County Courts of State.

Oregon City — "The Clackamas county court, through the legislative delegation from this county, will seek to have enacted at the present session of the legislature laws that will prove of material aid to the various county courts of the state in the building and repairing of roads."

"I have great faith in the eminent domain theory which is being indorsed by the different counties of the state," continued the Clackamas county judge.

Soon Open for Entry.

Grants Pass — News has been received here that the timber land in Southern Oregon and Northern California which the department of forestry announced several weeks ago would be thrown open for entry, is to be advertised at once.

Douglas Men Demand Good Roads.

Roseburg — A delegation of representative men from a majority of the road districts in Douglas county called upon the county court in a body and presented their petition and resolutions asking that the court take the necessary steps to provide this county with three sets of modern roadbuilding machinery.

Prizes for Fair Exhibits.

Oregon City — At a regular meeting the committee having in charge the exhibit from this county that is to be shown at the Lewis and Clark fair at Portland in 1905 adopted a schedule by which will be distributed to the producers of Clackamas county the sum of \$150 for the best samples of agricultural and other products of which the exhibit will be composed.

Surveying Ended for Season.

Pendleton — The last surveying party, which has been making further tests in the Echo irrigation project during the past year, suspended work January 1 and came in.

To Freeze Rogue River Fish.

Astoria — The schooner Chetco has gone to Rogue river fitted with a cold storage plant of a capacity of 225 tons, to collect Chinook salmon for German shipment for delivery frozen.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem, 88@90c; valley, 87c. Oats — No. 1 white, \$1.32 1/2 @ 2.35; gray, \$1.35 @ 1.40 per cental.

SHAH PAYS PRICE.

Bountiful Indemnity for Murder of an American Missionary.

Washington, Jan. 11. — Information has reached the State department that, complying with the insistent demands of the United States, the Persian government has made to the widow partial reparation for the murder of the Rev. Benjamin W. Labarree, an American missionary, by a gang of fanatics, and has promised that all the guilty persons involved in the crime will be punished.

"March 15th last the Department of State received the telegraph intelligence of the murder of Rev. B. W. Labarree, an American missionary, near Orouma, in Persia, by a gang of fanatic Kurds."

"A demand was immediately made for the arrest and trial of the murderers, whose leader, Seyd Mir Ghafar, was looked upon as a lineal descendant of the prophet. This circumstance and the fear of arousing religious disturbances evidently interfered with the prompt and efficient action on the part of the local authorities."

"The murders were thereupon arrested, but the Persian government, holding the life of a descendant of the prophet sacred, offered a pecuniary indemnity in lieu of the death penalty for Seyd Mir Ghafar, and promised execution of the accomplices."

MAY BE ABANDONED.

New Mexico and Arizona Likely to be Left Out of Statehood Bill.

Washington, Jan. 11. — The joint statehood bill will continue to be the principal topic of discussion in the senate during the present week, but other measures will receive attention each day during the morning hour.

An effort will be made to get through the bill providing for the compensation of American fishermen whose vessels were seized previous to the arbitration of 1893.

The pure food bill will remain in the background for the present, not because the friends of that measure have abandoned it, but because they consider that its chances will be improved by not pressing for immediate consideration.

The only real fight is against the uniting of Arizona and New Mexico, and there is talk of eliminating these territories entirely from the statehood proposal.

Krupp Gun Works Visited.

Berlin, Jan. 11. — Extensive experiments are being made with new guns and projectiles at Messrs. Krupp's range at Meppen, on behalf of a commission of Japanese officers.

Naval Station at Arthur.

Tokio, Jan. 11. — The Japanese intend to establish a naval station at Port Arthur. Vice Admiral Shibayama will probably be placed in charge of it.

Fire Burned for Five Hours.

Philadelphia, Jan. 11. — A fire which burned for five hours occurred tonight at the plant of the Atlantic refining company in the southwestern section of the city.

JAPANESE AT HAND

Squadron of Cruisers Ready to Pounce on Baltic Fleet.

ARE SEEN AT MAURITIUS ISLAND

Russia Has Made No Provision for Progress Eastward and Fleet Must Return to Malta.

London, Jan. 11. — The correspondent of the London Daily Mail at Port Louis, island of Mauritius, (Isle de France), reports that the British cruiser Forte, which was to have left that port on Thursday last, is still there.

According to reliable advices received yesterday, one of the squadrons of the Russian Baltic fleet is sheltering in the vicinity of Comoro island, to the northwest of Madagascar.

Movements of Fleet.

Paris, Jan. 11. — The Temps correspondent at Copenhagen telegraphs that he is reliably informed that Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron will return from Madagascar and go to the island of Malta, where it will await the third Russian squadron, which will leave Libau at the end of January.

The admiralty, the Temps correspondent further announces, is preparing a fourth squadron, which will depart probably in May.

GETS DOWN TO WORK.

North Sea Commission Elects President and Begins Sessions.

Paris, Jan. 10. — The International commission appointed to inquire into the North sea incident resumed its sessions at the foreign office yesterday.

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DRAWN INTO NET.

Land Officials at Roseburg, Oregon, Have Been Suspended.

Washington, Jan. 11. — By direction of the president, Secretary Hitchcock has suspended Register J. T. Bridges and Receiver J. H. Booth, of the Roseburg land office, at the telegraphic request of Mr. Heney.

He said an investigation of that office showed its affairs were in bad shape, and said that further investigation should be had.

This morning Secretary Hitchcock took up the Roseburg case with the president, and it is by the president's order that radical action was taken, as recommended by Heney.

Concession to Alaska.

Washington, Jan. 11. — Representative Cushman late this afternoon called up and secured the passage of the senate bill authorizing the expenditure of all license moneys collected in Alaska outside incorporated towns for three distinct purposes.

Must Act on Freight Rates.

Washington, Jan. 11. — President Roosevelt had another conference today regarding pending legislation. He consulted Representatives Esch, of Wisconsin, and Townsend, of Michigan, both members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

Work Delayed by Storms.

Tokio, Jan. 11. — The work of removing the mines and other obstructions at the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur and of examining the Russian war vessels is hampered by the storms and cold weather.