

RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

Foreign investors are buying cheap stocks.

Another plot to murder the czar has been thwarted.

Money is moving West under Secretary Cortelyou's threat.

Native laws and customs make death inconvenient for strangers in Egypt.

An Oklahoma bank cashier is missing, also \$50,000 of the institution's cash.

An extra session of the legislature is certain in California to relieve San Francisco.

New York bank statement shows a depleted reserve but imports of gold will replenish it.

Secretary Taft's carriage was hauled through the streets of Manila by enthusiastic Filipinos.

Records show that nearly two-thirds of the bubonic plague cases at San Francisco have proven fatal.

The wood trust at Tacoma has apparently busted, as there has been a big drop in prices and first class cordwood now sells at \$2.75 per cord.

Secretary Taft has left Manila for Vladivostok.

New York bankers say they are sending money West as fast as possible.

Forgers of clearing house certificates at El Paso, Tex., have been caught.

The Santa Fe railroad is to be tried on another indictment at Los Angeles.

A threat to dynamite Great Northern trains in Montana has led to placing of guards on many.

San Francisco has appealed to the government for money with which to fight the plague.

Kewick, a small California town near Redding, has been almost completely destroyed by fire.

The national convention of the W. C. T. U. is enthusiastic over the prohibition gains in the South.

Advices from Unalaska say a peak 300 feet above the sea has disappeared. The peak was raised by a submarine earthquake several years ago and its disappearance is attributed to the same cause.

Taft has decided to complete his tour of the world as originally planned.

Gold imports from foreign countries will continue in payment for crops.

A number of small banks at various places in the Southwest have failed.

One of the Vanderbilts has offered the Y. M. C. A. of Newport, R. I., \$100,000.

Three large factories at Bridgeport, Conn., have closed on account of money stringency.

Four European countries have raised the discount rate to stop gold exports to America.

Roosevelt has promised to investigate the paper trust and recommend a repeal of paper tariff.

Estrada Palma, former president of Cuba, says American rule is better than independence with anarchy.

The United States District court at Los Angeles has imposed a fine of \$330,000 on the Santa Fe railroad for granting rebates.

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, has protested to President Roosevelt against gold deposits in New York by the government until Western banks have been paid what is due them.

An Arizona bank has suspended temporarily.

New York banks will now give relief to other cities.

Portland banks have engaged \$1,500,000 in foreign gold.

Chicago telegraph operators have voted to suspend the strike.

The striking telegraphers of Spokane have decided to call off the strike.

The total foreign gold engagements for New York is now close to \$36,000,000.

The Denver mint is coining gold bullion into money at the rate of nearly a million dollars a day.

The first shipment of foreign gold has reached New York. The consignment contained \$7,100,000.

The Oregon commission to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition has selected a site for the state building.

An American made watch has been granted a certificate of accuracy by the Geneva, Switzerland, observatory.

Congressman Bourke Cockran, of New York, was arrested for illegal voting, but later turned loose, as a mistake had been made.

A great earthquake in Guatemala did much damage to property.

The Bank of England has again raised the discount rate, but gold purchases continue.

GETTING FLEET READY.

Ships Will Be Prepared to Sail On Scheduled Time.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Every detail of the preparations for the sailing of the battleship fleet to the Pacific ocean is now well in hand, and by December 16, the date on which the vessels will pass out of Hampton Roads, in review before President Roosevelt, members of the cabinet and high officials of the navy, arrangements for the comfort of the men en route will have been attended to. At all of the navy yards the work of making necessary repairs is being pushed and these will be completed by December 1. Provisions are being stored aboard the vessels, and their coal bunkers are being filled to their capacity. Four anchors will be carried by each vessel so as to be ready for any emergency.

The cost of provisioning the fleet is estimated at about \$375,000, contemplating the feeding of a force of 15,000 men for 100 days. Only this week contracts were awarded for head cheese, sausages and veal.

Advantage will be taken of the two ocean cruises to make several tests with the provisions aboard—their preservation, packing and handling.

Incidentally to the visit of the fleet to the Pacific coast the Navy department is making arrangements to obtain a place for small arms firing there, so as to give the men an opportunity for practice in that capacity.

EXCAVATION OF HERCULANEUM

Money Will Be Appropriated to Carry On the Work.

Rome, Nov. 12.—The proposal to continue the work of excavation at Herculanum has become so popular at a result of the efforts made by Charles Waldstein, professor of fine arts in Kings College, Cambridge, England, that the Italian government is about to take the matter actively in hand.

Signor Rava, minister of public instruction, upon whom the work actually depends, has prepared a bill to be presented to parliament which provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose of removing the houses forming the modern town of Resina, which is located over Herculanum and an appropriation of \$3,000 for the actual excavation work.

This latter sum does not include the salaries of officials. In the meanwhile a special commission under the presidency of Professor de Petra, of the University of Naples, has undertaken preliminary studies for the commencement of the work.

Professor Waldstein is about to bring out a large volume showing what has been done up to the present and setting forth what he considers necessary to insure the completion of the work. He will maintain that if carried out according to modern methods the excavation of Herculanum will call for an expenditure of \$200,000.

AGUINALDO IS HOPEFUL.

Confident of Benefits From Taft's Visit to Islands.

Manila, Nov. 12.—A feature of the visit of Secretary of War Taft to Manila was the presence of Aguinaldo at several of the functions, for the first time since his capture. Discussing the visit of Mr. Taft to Manila with a representative of the Associated Press, he said: "It is my belief that the benefits to follow the visit, to the people of the Philippines, will be greater than they can reckon at the present time. I am at present unable to form an opinion, offhand, of the advantages, but I am confident that it has done good. The inauguration of the assembly has gone a long way to cement the friendship of the Philippines with the people of the United States. It is the fulfillment of a solemn promise, which many expected would not be fulfilled. The secretary of war did not bring independence for many people in his pocket, but he brought the means of attaining it. He told us how we can get it. The Filipinos are thankful for the information, and pleased at what the secretary has done, especially in the interests of education and agriculture."

Quake Ruins Town.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 12.—The first direct reports from the scene of the great earthquake at Karatagh, Russian Turkistan, about three weeks ago, reached this city from a corporal who accompanied the relief expedition sent to Jamarkan. Telegraphing under date of November 9, the corporal says: "The town of Karatagh was completely destroyed. The victims numbered about 400 in Karatagh and about 10,000 in the adjoining district of Denausk. All the villages in the vicinity were wrecked. Many more may be dead."

Texas Probes Mill Trust.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 12.—An anti-trust suit has been filed by the attorney general in the Twenty-sixth District court against 120 Texas milling companies alleged to be in conspiracy in restraint of trade. The state alleges that the defendant companies have violated both the 1899 and 1903 acts and asks for penalties against each defendant in the sum of \$75,000 for the alleged violation of the act of 1899, and \$56,250 for violation of the act of 1903.

Lives Lost in Italy.

Rome, Nov. 12.—The rain storms and floods throughout Italy continue. Railroad tracks are being carried away in several places, and reports are being received of the destruction of houses and the destroying of cattle. Several human lives have also been lost.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

STUDENTS PACK APPLES.

Corvallis Experiment Station Will Ship Carload of Newtons.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A carload of first class Newtons, from an orchard operated under a lease by the horticultural department at the college, is being prepared for shipment, the grading and packing being done by students in the agricultural course. The work is a drill in that important department of horticulture, and they get regular credits for it in their college work. Two days were spent recently by John Castner, a packing expert from Hood River, in giving the students special instruction.

The Newtons being packed for shipment are from the five-acre Meeker orchard, but a few hundred yards from the college. The land was leased last year for purposes of experiment. A portion of it was given the highest scientific cultivation, and the remainder allowed to go in much the same fashion that is usual on Willamette valley farms. The difference in the appearance of the two portions is so marked as to leave no doubt of the efficacy of care. Scarcely a single box of marketable apples will be secured from the neglected portion, while from the cultivated part at least 600 boxes of the finest fruit will be secured.

The test seems to establish that Newtons are a desirable variety for planting in the Willamette valley. Professor Lewis declares the color of the fruit from this orchard is as fine as can be produced. The apples will grade 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2 tier.

O. A. C. Registrar Busy.

Corvallis—The registration at Oregon Agricultural college has already reached 887, not counting the specials in music and dairying. This is an unprecedented enrollment for this time of the year and demonstrates plainly, in the opinion of those informed, that the registration will easily reach 1,000 or 1,100 before the close of the school year. Everything is moving along smoothly at the college and President Kerr is giving complete satisfaction as head of this great institution.

Change in Instructors.

University of Oregon, Eugene—Mr. Wiley J. Huddle, who has been instructor in the University of Oregon during the past three years, has just been appointed a member of the public utilities board of the state of Wisconsin. His office will be that of state gas inspector, with a salary of \$1,800 and traveling expenses. The vacancy in the department of chemistry at the university has been filled by the election of Dr. W. L. Shinn, of Wisconsin.

Open Umatilla Lands.

Pendleton—By a special order of United States Land Commissioner R. A. Ballinger, 2,640 acres of land under the Umatilla irrigation project will be restored to entry. The opening of the land was made on the advice of the engineers in charge of the project. January 28, 1908, is the date set for filings, and no rights can be obtained by going upon the land prior to that time. The date for the restoration is December 28, 1907.

Begin Seeding at Athens.

Athens—Seeding in this section has begun in earnest since the rain began. Up to that time a great many farmers were afraid to begin seeding lest there should not be enough moisture in the ground to sustain the growth of the wheat. But now they feel assured, and there will be thousands of acres of land seeded during the next few weeks. The large farmers have from four to six drills running daily, and each drill plants from 20 to 25 acres a day.

Farms Selling at Woodburn.

Woodburn—A Salem syndicate has purchased a 161-acre tract west of Woodburn for the purpose of dividing it into fruit tracts and running a spur into Woodburn from the Portland-Salem electric line. Sales of farms in this section to homeseekers from the East are of daily occurrence. There is much activity in both city and farm property and Woodburn's prospects were never so bright as they are now.

Enlarging the Cannery.

Brownsville—The Brownsville cannery is building a large addition to its plant. It will be about 100x160 feet and will give capacity to handle the fruit output of the whole neighborhood. Apples are still coming in by the wagon load. Another carload of the prepared fruit was shipped last week. The mill road company will put in a switch. The fruit now has to be hauled about 200 yards to the nearest sidetrack.

Normal Training in High Schools.

Salem—Statistics compiled by the department of education show that 88 high schools reporting in Oregon outside of Portland last year graduated 2,574 students, of which 74 are employed as teachers. The state normal school board has formulated a teachers' training course for high schools, so that the teachers who go from those schools to teach in the rural districts shall not be without preparation.

State Will Sue.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain, as president of the state board of education, has wired defaulting textbook manufacturing concerns failing to supply public schools as follows: "You are in default as to some books contracted for. If contract is not complied with at once the state board will sue on bond."

WESTON STUDENTS WORK.

President French Hopes to Make Normal Self Supporting.

Weston—The Weston normal will become a self supporting institution if the ambitions of President Robert C. French are realized. It may offer to young men and women an opportunity to secure an education on their own resources. With this plan in view, President French has just purchased 65 acres of excellent timber land 10 miles from Weston, where boys may work at wood cutting during vacation, the product to be sold for the benefit of the school.

It is the hope of President French to develop the industrial side of life, and he believes the opportunity to work should be offered every young man and woman attending school. Even now many young men and women are working their way through school.

Krag-Jorgensens for O. A. C.

Corvallis—The Oregon Agricultural college cadets have just received from the government about 400 of the latest improved Krag-Jorgensen rifles. These guns will in part take the place of the old guns now in use, which will be returned to some arsenal. There has just been formed a third cadet battalion. The new companies are I, K and L, and three more captains and other necessary officers will be selected from the students.

Lumber Mills Shut Down.

Pendleton—Many lumber mills in Eastern Oregon are closing down on account of the money stringency. The Meacham Lumber company shut down and 40 men are out of work. Several small mills in Union and Baker counties are closed. The largest mill shut down was the Oregon Lumber mill at South Baker. This employed 200 men. Many Blue Mountain mills are closed. The Umatilla county mills are still running.

Apples for President.

Freewater—The Freewater Commercial club will send a fine box of apples to President Roosevelt. These apples have been donated by D. C. Conrad, whose Spokane Beauty variety took the prize at the Walla Walla fair, and caused much favorable comment. They will be sent to Washington, D. C., in a few days.

Northwest Rural Carriers.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Rural carriers appointed for Washington routes: Fairfield, route 1, Christian Hanson carrier, Ole M. Blom, substitute; North Yakima, route 5, Matt W. Rickman, carrier, L. B. Stockman, substitute; Spokane, route 11, Stuart G. Dowdy, carrier, Emma G. Dowdy, substitute.

Klamath Opening in a Year.

Klamath Falls—Hiram D. White, allotting agent of the Indian service, is now at the Klamath reservation engaged in the last allotment of lands. The work will occupy perhaps a year. It is thought the opening of lands for settlement may take place after.

Much Fruit at Milton.

Milton—The fruit men of this vicinity estimate the fruit crop at 300 cars in the district about here. In addition to this there has been an immense quantity of fruit shipped by package express.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Club, 87c; bluestem, 89c; valley, 87c; red, 85c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29.50; gray, \$29.50.

Barley—Feed, \$28.50 per ton; brewing, \$30; rolled, \$30@31.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$23; clover, \$15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$14.

Fruits—Apples, 75c@82.25 per box; peaches, \$1 per crate; watermelons, 1c per pound; pears, \$1@1.25 per box; grapes, 75c@1.75 per crate; quinces, 50c@1 per box; huckleberries, 7c@8c per pound; cranberries, \$10@10.50 per barrel.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c per pound; cauliflower, 25c@1 per dozen; celery, 50c@1 per dozen; corn, 85c@1 per sack; cucumbers, \$1 per sack; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/4c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; squash, 1@1 1/4c per pound; tomatoes, 25@50c per box.

Onions—\$2@2.25 per sack.

Potatoes—75@85c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32 1/2c per pound.

Veal—75 to 195 pounds 7 1/2@8c; 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@6 1/2c.

Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 7@7 1/2c; packers, 6 1/2@7c.

Poultry—Average old hens, 11c per pound; mixed chickens, 11c; spring chickens, 11c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, old, 16c; young, 18c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 35c per dozen.

Hops—1907, 7@9c per pound; olds, 4c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@22c, according to shrinkage; fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

REPORT BIG STEEL OUTPUT.

Production Probably Will Be Curtailed This Month.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 11.—Reports from the building trades reveal some remarkable conditions. Although for a number of weeks new business has been reduced to a small volume, statistics of production for the past month show that seldom in the history of the trade have such large tonnages been turned out. For example, the American Bridge company, the largest producer of structural material, turned out 60,000 tons last month, but sold only one-third of that amount.

A steel corporation made surprising records at Pittsburg. The Carnegie company broke records at its various plants. The Illinois Steel company not only broke all its previous records but did so in every individual department in all three works, South Chicago, Milwaukee and Joliet.

Even more surprising than all these was the blast furnace production for October, which, according to the statistics of the Iron Trade Review reached a new high point in the history of the trade, the production being 2,352,530 tons, compared with the largest output, 2,291,030 tons in May of this year. In other words the production for October was at the rate of about 28,000 tons a year.

The statistics for November will doubtless tell a vastly different story. Many sheet and tin plate mills have been closed and the sheet bar mills of the steel corporation at Columbus and Bellaire are idle. The corporation now has 21 blast furnaces out of commission and independent concerns are curtailing their production. Hence it may be confidently expected that the output of both pig iron and finished materials would be much smaller this month than for any previous month of the year.

BRAZIL CUTLET FOR JAPAN.

Negotiations Pending for Immigration of 5,000 Annually.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Barred from the United States, Japanese coolies are turning to Brazil, where, according to the Brazilian Review, they hope to gain ready admission. This newspaper, published in Rio de Janeiro, says: "It is reported from Yokohama that North America and Australia, being practically closed to the Japanese immigrants, Japan will now turn its attention to Brazil, as a point toward which its surplus population shall be directed, and that negotiations will be opened with the Brazilian government forthwith to arrange for the landing of 5,000 Japanese in that republic every year. From Milan also comes an announcement to the effect that the Japanese government has proposed to the Italian ambassador at Tokio that the Navigazione Generale Italiana shall undertake the transport of these emigrants and for that purpose shall establish a new steamship service from Yokohama to Genoa. From Genoa to Brazil, as is well known, the Navigazione Generale already runs a direct line. There is said to be no doubt that the Italian company will establish the new line, seeing a guarantee for the transport of 5,000 third-class passengers from Yokohama to Genoa every year."

LADD AIDS DEPOSITORS.

Pledges Full Payment to Savings Accounts at Portland.

Portland, Nov. 11.—By a pledge from W. M. Ladd last Saturday, savings depositors in the failed bank of the Title Guarantee & Trust company are guaranteed full payment of their claims, amounting to \$405,000, and the Marquam block is to be turned over to the bank as an asset for payment of all creditors alike. The Marquam block, owned by the Oregon company, has been held as security for a debt to Ladd & Tilton of \$607,000, by assignment to Ladd & Tilton of the stock of that company as collateral. Ladd & Tilton, therefore, are not to be preferred creditors.

By the terms of the pledge, the receiver is to administer the affairs of the bank, and pay off depositors to the full measure of the assets, and if, in two years, savings depositors shall not have received all their money, Mr. Ladd will make good the deficiency. The wording of Mr. Ladd's offer makes no mention of interest on the deposits during the two years.

Lives With Gold Leaf in Skull.

Baltimore, Nov. 11.—Richard Swanger, who was unconscious for 11 days from a depressed fracture of the skull, caused by a tree falling upon him, is recovering from a remarkable surgical operation as a result of which he will carry a quantity of gold leaf in his head. The surgeons at Maryland University hospital found a part of the brain covering and a part of the brain itself adhered to the cranium. The brain covering and the gold leaf was placed between the parts.

Steals \$1,000,000 Jewels.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—A dispatch to the Record Herald from Cleveland, O., says: Local detectives are searching for \$1,000,000 worth of jewels said to have been stolen from the wife of a Pittsburg mill-man on a train between New York and Pittsburg November 1. In her belt jewel bag were diamonds, emeralds, pearls and other costly jewelry. No questions will be asked and thousands of dollars in reward will be paid for the return of the property.

More Disasters in Italy.

Rome, Italy, Nov. 11.—Storms accompanied by torrential rains have again caused floods in several parts of Italy and a number of vessels have been wrecked in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas.

BIG LOSS AT SUPERIOR FIRE

Damage Along Lake Front Placed at \$2,500,000.

Flames Originate from Unknown Cause in Great Northern Storing Plant, Containing 600,000 Bushels of Grain, Which is Entirely Consumed—Well Insured.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 9.—Fire of an unknown origin last night destroyed the Great Northern elevator "A" in Superior, together with 600,000 bushels of grain, principally wheat, all of which was fully covered by insurance. The elevator was owned by the Great Northern railroad but was leased to the A. D. Thomson company of Duluth.

The sparks soon ignited the Grand Republic mill on Tower Bay slip, the Great Lakes Dredge & Dock company's dock and the Duluth Superior Storage company, which contained the finishing plant of the Webster Chair company.

The fire started at the southwest corner of the elevator dock, and before it was noticed had communicated to the elevator. An alarm was turned in and four fire tugs responded, but owing to the intense heat they were driven out of the slip and devoted all their energies to saving the adjoining property.

The steamers W. A. Parent and W. A. Rogers were in the elevator slip loading wheat and the latter was to take out 200,000 bushels of wheat.

The fire was under control by 1 o'clock and the damage is placed at \$2,500,000.

ARREST BANKERS.

Conditions of Title Guarantee & Trust Co. to Be Investigated.

Portland, Nov. 9.—Developments yesterday in the affairs of the Title Guarantee & Trust company were as follows: District Attorney Manning says he will cause the arrest of officers of the bank today on complaint of C. F. Elman, who deposited \$1,330 the day before the bank closed. Elman agrees to swear to complaint charging the bank officers with having accepted deposits when they knew the bank to be insolvent, contrary to law.

State Treasurer Steel's violation of law in depositing \$300,000 school funds without security is considered by District Attorney Manning, of Multnomah, and District Attorney McNary, of Marion, as basis for criminal prosecution.

Opinion that Steel should resign is held in numerous quarters and is shared by Governor Chamberlain, but Steel says he will not resign. Resignation would enable the state to sue bondsmen for indemnity.

Governor Chamberlain will continue holidays indefinitely, and probably will issue one proclamation for all of next week.

SEND CASH WEST.

Secretary Cortelyou Swings Club Over Eastern Bankers.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The West is to receive all the assistance at the command of the Treasury department to meet the great demand for money to move the crops. Secretary Cortelyou discussed the situation with the president yesterday, and has formulated a plan, which will be carried into effect, unless the Eastern banks rise to the occasion and show less selfishness. Mr. Cortelyou is of the opinion that the large importations of gold and the hoarding which has been done in New York have placed the banks there in a materially improved condition. The government no longer feels the necessity of aiding the Eastern situation, but is impressed with the importance of meeting the situation which exists in the West, where there is pressure for cash for crop-moving purposes.

Chinese Have but One Friend.

Shanghai, Nov. 9.—The Chinese officials are incensed at the refusal of the Shanghai municipal council, which is predominantly British, to permit the Chinese universities to use the public recreation grounds for athletics, giving as a reason that the grounds are for whites alone, though Japanese and East Indians have not been excluded. Native persons, comparing this hostility with the sentiments expressed in Secretary Taft's speeches, unanimously declare that the Chinese can only depend on Americans for true friendship.

Union Pacific Drops Mining.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—It is announced here that the Union Pacific has arranged to retire from the commercial coal business on January next. As a preliminary, orders have been issued for the construction of a branch line 20 miles in length from Rock Springs to an extensive coal field in the north owned almost exclusively by independent operators. Heretofore the policy of the road has been not to run branch lines to independent fields.

Only Seventy Survive.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 9.—A dispatch received today from Samark and by the official telegraph agencies says that a special representative of a local newspaper who was sent to Karatagh in the Hissar district of Bokhara, which was destroyed by a landslide following the earthquake of October 21, reports that 3,400 persons perished and only 70 escaped.