

BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Persian troops are said to have put down the revolution and retaken Tabriz.

A Buffalo woman poisoned her three children and attempted to poison herself.

Count Tolsti has written a lengthy article denouncing the Russian reign of terror.

The naval tug Iroquois has gone ashore near the entrance to Pearl harbor, Hawaiian islands.

An automobile met a train near Columbia City, Ind., and all six occupants of the auto are dead.

The recent inundations in the vicinity of Tokat, Asia Minor, cost 2,000 lives. Untold damage was done to property.

A Chicago girl has just been saved from drowning by a man who years ago was rescued from the water by this same girl.

The matron of a West Oakland children's home is in trouble because she whipped two little girls with a buggy whip.

The Pennsylvania railroad will expose all employees who are delinquent in their duties in the hope that it will cause greater care among the men and save accidents.

Whitney L. Boise, a prominent man of Portland, has been arrested for embezzlement. It is charged that he has made away with at least \$150,000 belonging to the Hawthorne estate.

Peary has started on another attempt to reach the north pole.

The men of the battleship fleet are having a royal time in Honolulu.

The Russian budget shows a deficit of \$37,500,000 in extraordinary revenues.

A spectator at a Chicago ball game fell and broke his neck when a home run was made.

Frank Zotti, head of a wrecked New York bank, has been arrested on a charge of grand larceny.

Eastern railroads have been allowed to exchange passes for advertising pending an appeal to the federal court.

Eastern railroads have decided against a general advance in rates. Advances will be made in the Southeast and Southwest.

Humbert Rivas, son of the general commanding the Salvadoran army against the revolutionists, has been denied admission to the United States.

During the three months ending March 31 there were 728 persons killed on the railroads of the United States. This is a great reduction over the previous three months.

At the conventions in Denver an agreement was reached between the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers of America whereby the two organizations will work in harmony in the future.

Count Boni has begun suit for the custody of his children.

Wholesale exposures of grafting in Portugal have been made.

The battleship fleet has arrived at Honolulu, and were given an enthusiastic welcome.

Great Britain will buy three warships now building in English shipyards for Brazil.

A small army of volunteers has offered to accompany Roosevelt on his African hunting trip.

One hundred unemployed of New York are fed each day by John Morgan, himself a poor working man.

American marines have been sent to Honduras, where all Central American republics are stirring up a revolt.

FRUIT FOR FLEET.

Honolulu Donates Liberally to Officers and Men of Battleships.

Honolulu, July 21.—A feature of the entertainment of the fleet Sunday was the presentation of hundreds of tons of fruit and delicacies of all kinds to the various battleships. The great store of good things was loaded on a lighter, which was towed to each of the twelve ships in turn, the Hawaiian band being aboard also, and playing native and American airs as the distribution proceeded.

A generous supply of iced fruit and plenty of reading matter was sent to the island, where 850 men of the Nebraska are in quarantine, the entertainment committee being determined not to forget any one.

Sunday has been a quiet day with the men of the Atlantic battleship fleet. Outside of the star games, which took place at the league ground, and which hundreds of sailors attended, there was little in the way of formal entertainment except excursions to Pearl harbor, many of the men taking advantage of the opportunity to inspect the site of the naval station that is being planned.

The officers were privately entertained at many residences, and there was hardly one of the cool porches along the streets of the residence district that did not offer retreat to the white-clad visitors. The men, too, sought amusement in many parts of the city and the streets of the downtown section, as well as the tree-shaded roads and lanes further out where they were popular throughout the day with groups of strolling seamen. On every hand they were welcomed by the citizens and found hospitable entertainment wherever they sought it.

Out on the ships, hundreds of visitors were made welcome, and every yacht and private launch in the bay was pressed into service to carry parties of pleasure-seekers in and out among the anchored warships.

LOSE UNDER 3-CENT FARE.

Cleveland Traction Company's Reports Show Big Monthly Deficits.

Cleveland, O., July 21.—Cleveland has had nearly three months of 3-cent car fares, and two of the monthly reports have shown a deficit. A similar report is predicted for July. The operating expenses and fixed charges have been from \$40,000 to \$50,000 a month in excess of the earnings. The Municipal Traction company, which is operating the local lines under a lease, also is under promise to give free transfers after July 28. The revenue from transfers has been about \$2,000 a month, a cent each having been charged.

The officials of the company still express their belief that 3-cent fares will pay in time. An important meeting of the directors will be held next Tuesday to consider the inauguration of free transfers and other vital points.

MEXICO FOR MEXICANS.

Sentiment Against Foreigners Is Rapidly Gaining Ground.

Mexico City, July 21.—The anti-foreign feeling in Mexico is assuming large proportions, and a bitter controversy over the question is being waged between the foreign and native press. La Patria printed an article in which it proclaims the time ripe for a policy whose slogan shall be, "Mexico for the Mexicans." Most of the tirade is directed against the "Yankees," a term of contempt used by Mexican editors in designating Americans.

Among other things La Patria declares that if Americans think the governments of Argentina, Chile or Brazil more enlightened than that of Mexico, they should journey to those parts, the sooner the better.

After referring to the efforts on the part of the foreigners to kill the proposed new mining law restricting corporations in Mexico, the paper says: "We repeat our attitude toward foreigners. We are not boxers, but patriots, and when we take a given decision we take it, not as against foreigners, but for the benefit of Mexico."

Rain Ends Forest Fires.

Portland, Me., July 21.—A succession of drenching showers have put a stop to the great fires which have wrought damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars in the Maine woods during the last two weeks, causing more than a little alarm in many instances for the safety of villages. Summer reports along the shore have seemed at times in danger of being wiped out by the rush of flames through the timber and underbrush, and hundreds of summer visitors have packed up their belongings to seek other places.

Warships Nearing Manila.

Manila, July 21.—Wireless communication has been established between the battleships Maine and Alabama, composing the special service squadron, which left San Francisco June 8, in advance of the Atlantic fleet. Messages received from the two vessels read that they expected to arrive here at noon Monday. The Louisiana, Ohio and Virginia have finished coaling at La Haina, and are en route here to join the main body of the fleet.

Floods Destroy Village.

Vienna, July 21.—Floods have washed away the village of Juszezna, on the Galician estate of Archduke Stephen. Twenty-two people have been drowned.

RATE INCREASE CONTRARY TO LAW

Railroad Agreement Is an Illegal Pool, Says Commissioner.

All Concerned Incur Penalty of Sherman Law—Point Has Been Decided in Georgia—General Advance by Agreement Would Violate Anti-Trust Law.

Chicago, July 18.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

In the opinion of John Clements, a member of the interstate commerce commission, the proposed general increase in freight rates discussed in New York yesterday by the presidents of many eastern railways in the Trunk Line association would constitute a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and would render all the railroads concerned liable to severe penalties. Mr. Clements explained that the interstate commerce commission as a commission is not at all interested in the Sherman anti-trust law, the execution of which is entrusted to the department of justice, but he expressed his opinion as a lawyer and cited a recent instance where the supreme court had so decided.

"As a lawyer," he said, "I am willing to hazard the opinion that such an increase in rates as was contemplated by the eastern railways at their meeting in New York would be in direct violation of the anti-trust law. When practically all of the eastern roads, and for that matter, all of the roads in the country, by a mutual agreement raise rates, it is to my mind a procedure which brings them under that clause of the anti-trust law which prevents 'pooling' and illegal combinations.

"Whether or not there is any necessity now for an increase of rates, I am not prepared to say. If the increase should come, the commissioners would have ample time to decide that point. I am convinced, however, that the railways will give the anti-trust laws careful consideration before they consider a general increase in rates.

FIRE ON STRIKEBREAKERS.

Alabama Miners Kill Deputy Sheriff and Wound Dozen Men.

Birmingham, Ala., July 18.—Robert Gardner, a deputy sheriff, was fatally wounded and at least a dozen miners more or less seriously hurt as the result of an attack on a train bearing strike-breakers to take the places of striking union miners at Jefferson near here, yesterday. The train was in charge of 13 deputies, and was en route to Adamsville. It is said the union miners attempted to induce the strike-breakers to leave the train, and threatened to kill them if they went to work.

Governor Comer has ordered a company of cavalry from Montgomery to the scene, and troops already on the ground are under arms, and will patrol the district tonight, preventing further disorders. Deputy Gardner, mortally wounded, was brought to Birmingham last night. Deputy George Smith, accompanying him, estimates that no less than 1000 shots were fired on both sides in the attack at Jefferson.

According to Smith the engagement was opened when a train bearing 50 strike-breakers attempted to leave Jefferson for Adamsville. Prior to this a number of union miners had made overtures to the strike-breakers to join their ranks, threatening at the same time to kill them in case they attempted to work the mines of the operators.

Doesn't Mind the Fleet.

London, July 18.—Criticism by the British press of Australia and New Zealand for the expenditure of enormous sums in preparation for the entertainment of the American fleet is not finding favor with the general public here. Sentiment of the people generally is with the colonies in their stand on the question, and editorial utterances on the subject are much milder today than they have been in the past. On the continent there has been no criticism of the world voyage of the United States men-of-war.

Marshall Is Indicted.

New York, July 18.—A. G. Marshall, manager of the Standard Protective society, who, with Henry G. Cooke, president of the Oregon Ranching & Timber company was indicted on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States by violating the law in relation to sale of timber land in Oregon, surrendered himself to United States Marshal Henkel yesterday. He was later arraigned in the United States circuit court.

Will Use Great Northern Track.

Billings, Mont., July 18.—It is announced that with the completion of the line of the Billings Northern railroad from Billings to Great Falls, Mont., about September 1, the Northern Pacific line to the coast, will proceed over the Billings Northern to Great Falls, from which place the tracks of the Great Northern will be used.

AVOID TRUST LAW

Railroad Companies Cannot Increase Rates by Concerted Action.

Washington, July 20.—The interstate commerce commission may take action on the increased freight rates agreed to at the meeting of the Southeastern Freight association and the Southeastern Mississippi Valley association, at Louisville, Ky., Saturday, when the new tariffs are filed with the commission by the roads having membership in these two associations. Action cannot be taken by the commission on its own initiative or on the complaints of shippers or shippers' associations. If the interstate commerce commission should find that the increase in freight rates was made through concerted action, and that there was evidence that the Sherman anti-trust law was violated, attention will in all probability be called to the matter.

In speaking of the powers of the interstate commerce commission where an advance in freight rates has been made by any railroad, Chairman Knapp, of the commission, said: "The railroads must file their tariffs with the commission with 30 days' notice of a contemplated change. Changes in rates between competitive points must be made simultaneously by all the roads operating between those points. This in a measure protects the shipper. When a railroad files notice of an increase in its freight rates the commission can on its own motion make an investigation as to the reasonableness of the advance.

PACIFIC COAST LOSER.

Transcontinental Shippers Claim Rate Ruling Fatal to Oriental Trade.

San Francisco, July 20.—The Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads and the Pacific Mail Steamship company are preparing to have a hearing before the interstate commerce commission on the question of transcontinental rates for goods shipped across the Pacific ocean. The new rule of the commission compels the railroads to charge the same price for these goods as for any other, whereas it had been customary for the railroads to make this rate cheaper to the steamship companies.

The information that the interstate commerce commission has decided to postpone until October the day on which the rate would become effective, because of a protest from Japan, has given the railroads and steamship company time to act.

The plea will be made to the interstate commerce commission that steamers traveling through the Suez canal will get the trade if the transcontinental roads are not allowed to juggle rates as they please. The steamers charge their rates often and quickly, they say, and if the American railroads are compelled to adhere to the published rate they will lose this oriental business.

Disaffection in Turkish Army.

Constantinople, Turkey, July 18.—After months of quiet, "things are doing" again in Turkey, and are taking a serious turn. The troops in Macedonia threaten to get entirely out of hand. They are mutinous because pay day never arrives. Often men whose time has expired have been kept with the colors for years, owing to lack of money to pay them off. From time to time mutinies have developed in various towns, and occasionally a little money has been sent to troops to tide over some highly dangerous crisis. Now a new element of danger appears in "young Turkey." This party is proving extremely active among the troops, and numerous incidents show the trend of events.

Comes Home an Invalid.

New York, July 20.—Alton Gard, district governor of Lanzo, Philippines, who was shot and seriously injured while attempting to arrest the doctor of Lanzo for the murder of a Tennessee settler in the province, and who arrived in this city Saturday, was taken to Roosevelt hospital.

Gard was treated in Manila, but it was thought there might be serious results from the iron bullets, and he was advised to return to this country. At the hospital last night it was said that he was resting comfortably after his 10,000-mile journey.

Tongs Doom Prosecutor.

Sacramento, Cal., July 20.—Because he succeeded in causing the conviction of Mar Gin Sui on a charge of murder, District Attorney Eugene S. Wachorst has had a price set on his head and has been warned to be on his guard. Mar Gin Sui, a well-known highlander, murdered Lee Toni, a Bing tongman. A jury Saturday night decided that Mar Sui was guilty of murder in the first degree.

Says Revolution Is Crushed.

New York, July 20.—The Associated Press has received the following dispatch from General Davila, president of Honduras: "Tegucigalpa, Honduras, July 17.—The government has put an end to the revolutionary movement in 10 days. The decisive battle was fought at Nacaome. The enemy was defeated and escaped into Salvador."

Ohio Referendum Law Upheld.

Cleveland, July 20.—The new initiative and referendum state law was held to be constitutional today by Judge Chapman in common pleas court. The test case will be carried to the state supreme court for final decision.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

OREGON HAS SURPLUS.

State Treasurer's Report Shows Almost \$375,000 on Hand.

Salem.—State Treasurer Steele has issued his semi-annual report for the period ending June 30. It shows that \$642,726.02, or over half the state taxes, had been paid in up to the close of the report, which remonstrates the good financial condition of the state generally. The tax on foreign insurance companies, being 2 per cent of their net premiums during the period covered by the report, amounted to \$60,039.01, and the state income for inheritance taxes totaled \$17,162.88, the largest amount ever collected in six months before.

Cash on hand in the several funds of the state, June 30, was \$374,203.62, as against \$116,377.08 at the close of the previous semi-annual term, January 1, 1908, and shows a gradual and healthy increase of the state funds in all departments over the same period of a year ago.

The total amount of the irreducible school fund, including outstanding first mortgage loans, school district bonds and certificates of sale of state lands, is \$4,953,204.92, and this will be increased to the \$5,000,000 mark before the close of the present year.

REGENTS PLAN EXTENSIONS.

Important Announcements Expected From University of Oregon.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—The board of regents of the University of Oregon will meet in annual session here. The meeting will be one of the most important ever held. Plans for the future are extensive and when the board has adjourned it is expected that some very definite and gratifying news will be made public in the way of improvements to the state university. The conditions demand the addition of instructors in some departments. President Campbell will go east shortly in the interests of the institution. Improvements and enlargements will be made in several departments.

High School for Gilliam.

Condon.—After a fight of more than four years, Gilliam county is to have a high school, and it is to be located at Condon. The vote at the last general election was practically unanimous that the institution be located at the county seat. It appears now that the school will be opened in the fall, though there will be no funds available to carry on the work until the county court meets for the January term and makes a special levy.

Heavy Yield of Good Wheat.

Pendleton.—Every bushel of wheat threshed in Umatilla county so far this season, according to reports which have reached this city, has made grade one when tested, and the reports from those portions of the county in which threshing has been carried on during the past week show that the yield is going to be much heavier than the most sanguine had hoped for. Many farmers are harvesting just as large crops as they ever did.

Laying Rails on Northwestern.

Baker City.—Following the statement given out by officials a few weeks ago, the Northwestern railroad, which is building from Huntington north to Copperfield, on the Snake river, has begun laying steel. One mile in four hours and there is considerable rivalry among the workers to make a record in this department.

Fight High Insurance.

Astoria.—On account of the exorbitant rates for fire insurance that are being charged by the companies, a resolution has been adopted by the Astoria city council directing that an amendment to the city charter be submitted to the vote of the people in December, authorizing the city to make contracts with citizens to carry insurance on their property at cost.

Cement Industry in Sight.

Klamath Falls.—Abel Ady, owner of thousands of acres of tule lands in this county, reports the finding of a large ledge of gypsum on his property, and states he has all the ingredients necessary for making cement. He claims that a few feet below the surface of the marsh there is a layer of mineral sand, which when washed is better building sand than is found in this section.

Silverton Mill to Resume.

Silverton.—After having been shut down about four weeks, the Silverton Lumber company's mill in this city is expected to start up this month. The company has received eastern orders for more than 60 cars of lumber, which will clean out the yards. The mill was shut down owing to temporarily unfavorable conditions of the market.

First Step for Fair.

Salem.—Frank A. Welch, secretary of the state board of agriculture, has taken up his office and headquarters at the fair grounds. It is the first step toward preparations for the annual state fair to be held in September. The grand stand and exhibition buildings are to be enlarged at once.

LIGHT OUTPUT OF PLACERS.

Baker County Miners Handicapped by Scarcity of Water.

Baker City.—Coming in from his large placer holdings on Cow creek, W. J. Patterson, one of Baker City's prominent business men, says that this year the crop of gold dust in Baker county will be light owing to the scarcity of water. According to his observations there are few properties that have sufficient water to do the work that will pay and most of the placer miners are putting in their time preparing for next year, when they have hope that there will be more snow and possibly a heavier rainfall. There are a number of Baker City people interested in placer mining and in the past it has yielded a steady and certain income.

Reclaim Hundreds of Acres.

Klamath Falls.—Specifications have been issued by the reclamation service for five additional schedules on the south branch canal, composing seven miles. It will connect the government canal and the old Adams ditch. Sealed bids will be received until July 28 at the local reclamation office. The work means the excavation of 112,000 cubic feet of dirt, within 30 days after signing the contract. Hundreds of acres of land extending far into the Merrill country below Klamath Falls will be reclaimed by the project.

Creamery Trebles Business.

Klamath Falls.—The stockholders of the Bonanza creamery are well pleased with the first year's showing. The enterprise represents an investment of \$5000. While no dividends have been paid, the business is well established. Since its organization in 1907, Fred McKendree has been in charge. The average price received for the butter has been about 19 1/2 cents net. There was paid out last month for butter fat \$1524, as compared to \$445 a year ago.

Fancy Price for Benton Land.

Albany.—William Peacock, of this city, who owns an 18-acre garden tract across the river in Benton county, has been offered \$15,000 for the land. It is said the garden lands are the best on the Pacific coast. Mr. Peacock is one of the veteran gardeners of Oregon. He is not anxious to sell. The price offered, almost \$1000 an acre, is the highest ever offered for farm land in this vicinity.

More Time to Finish Road.

Eugene.—The city council has extended the time limit in which the Eugene & Eastern railway is to complete the Eugene-Springfield line to November 1. The line will be completed before that time if there are no mishaps. Piles are driven over half way to Springfield and the trestle is completed for a good portion of this distance.

Selects Hatchery Sites.

Astoria.—H. C. McAllister, master fish warden for the state of Oregon, has returned from an official inspection trip to Tillamook bay and the streams leading into it. As a result of his visit, he has decided to establish a salmon hatchery on Trask river, as well as eyeing stations on the Nehalem river and other streams in that district.

Salmon for Propagation.

Astoria.—Deputy Fish Commissioner L. G. Burton, of Washington, has left for Bapers bay, where he will drive a trap to be used in catching salmon for propagating purposes at the chinook hatchery. He was granted permission to place the trap outside the regular line.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 84c per bushel; red Russian, 82c; bluestem, 86c; valley, 84c. Barley—Feed, 24.50 per ton; rolled, 22.50@25.50; brewing, 22c. Oats—No. 1 white, 22.50 per ton; gray, 22c. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$15 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, \$17.50; mixed, \$15; alfalfa, \$12; alfalfa meal, \$20. Fruits—Cherries, 2@5c per lb; apricots, \$1.75 per crate; peaches, 75c@81c per box; plums, 50c@90c per crate; currants, 25c@2.25 per crate; blackberries, \$1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1 per crate; loganberries, \$1.25 per crate; blackcaps, \$1.25 per crate. Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2@2.25 per crate; watermelons, 2@2.1c per pound. Potatoes—New Oregon, 16@14c per pound; old Oregon, 60@65c per hundred. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; beans, 6c per pound; cabbage, 16@14c per pound; cucumbers, Oregon, 50@75c per dozen; egg plants, 17c per pound; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 2@3c per pound; peppers, 10c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; rhubarb, 1@2c per pound; spinach, 2c per pound; tomatoes, Oregon, \$2.50 per crate. Butter—Extras, 25c per pound; fancy, 24c; choice, 20c; store, 17c. Eggs—Oregon, 23@24c per dozen. Poultry—Mixed chickens, 12@12 1/2c per pound; fancy hens, 13@13c; roosters, 7@9c; springs, 18@19c; ducks, old, 10c; spring, 12@15c; geese, old, 8@9c; young, 12@14c; turkeys, old, 18@19c; young, 20@21c. Veal—Extra, 8@9c per lb; ordinary, 6@7c; heavy, 5c. Pork—Fancy, 6 1/2@7c per lb; ordinary, 6c; large, 5c. Mutton—Fancy, 7 1/2@8c. Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@6c per pound; olds, 2@2 1/2c per pound. Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@16 1/2c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 14@15c. Mohair—Choice, 18@18 1/2c per lb.