

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.

Roosevelt has announced his plans for his African hunting trip.

House Democrats have elected Champ Clark as their leader.

The government has launched a big collier at the Mare Island yard.

General Simon has entered the Haytian capital with his army.

Germany will provide several schools in the Chinese territory it holds.

Internal revenue officers have seized 30,000 pounds of oleomargarine at Denver.

An Italian writer has denounced Americans for claiming equality with royalty.

The schooner D. M. Clemson, plying on Lake Erie, is believed to have been lost.

Rear Admiral Coughlan is dead.

The republic of Salvador has put down a revolution.

The Western Pacific railroad has just finished a tunnel through the Sierras, which is 7,306 feet long.

An Oregon boy won first honors in an oratorical contest at Notre Dame university, Ind. He will represent the school in the state contest.

Castro is believed to have deserted Venezuela forever.

The international naval conference is in session at London.

The prosecution has completed its evidence in the Ruef trial.

A Pittsburg broker is charged with forging bonds for \$600,000.

Elks of New York City are to spend \$1,000,000 on a new clubhouse.

A steamer and two docks burned at Portland, Me. Loss, \$350,000.

Montenegro has attacked an Austrian fort, and Austria is hurrying troops to the scene.

Adjutant General Ainsworth reports that desertions in the army are on the decrease.

A Los Angeles man has been arrested for having dies for counterfeiting money.

A Chicago grand jury reports wholesale election frauds, particularly direct primary.

Physicians hold out some hope for the recovery of Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington.

The Union Pacific has reduced its running time between Omaha and Portland two and one-half hours.

Admiral friends want to present Admiral Evans with a house at Los Angeles, but he has taken warning from the Dewey incident and declined.

Mrs. Yerkes-Mizner has started a contest of Yerkes' will.

The Y. M. C. A. has erected a fine building at Seoul, Corea.

An imperial edict has been issued in China guaranteeing a constitution in nine years.

Los Angeles civil service employees have been forbidden to visit race tracks to witness races.

Two miners were killed and three fatally injured in an explosion of gas in a West Virginia coal mine.

Miss Elkins is said to have jilted Abruzzi because she preferred Lieutenant Andrews, of the navy.

Railroads and coal companies have been convicted of conspiracy in restraint of trade at Salt Lake City.

Rabbi Wise attacked New York judges for banqueting Croker on the occasion of his visit to this country.

In the Standard Oil dissolution case Archbold has forgotten almost everything in connection with the company's business.

A Chicago man imported a lot of rugs and other articles, placing a value of \$1,000 on them. Chicago customs officials have seized them as they were worth \$15,000.

Thaw's lawyers continue to fight to secure his release.

Minnesota, Montana and the Dakotas are having zero weather.

A Columbus, Ohio, city official has been convicted of grafting.

At the municipal elections just held in Massachusetts, several cities went dry.

The floods in Arkansas have not subsided. The property loss will be enormous.

The government inquiry into the Harriman merger has begun at New York.

Four persons are dead as a result of the crush at Emperor Francis Joseph's diamond jubilee.

At a conference of Pennsylvania Baptist ministers Roosevelt was severely censured.

Radicals will cause a storm in the German reichstag by a move to limit the kaiser's power.

Many election frauds have been uncovered in Missouri and indictments are expected to follow.

The Pillsbury-Washburn Milling company, of Minneapolis, which failed some time ago, is to be reorganized.

WILL REFUSE LANDING.

President Castro Will Be Asked to Apologize First.

Paris, Dec. 8.—If President Castro, of Venezuela, comes to Bordeaux, he will not be allowed to set foot on French soil until after he has offered a formal apology for the fashion in which he has flaunted France. This decision was made by the cabinet, but was kept a secret, as it was expected that Castro would disembark at Santander, Spain. But should he arrive at Bordeaux, and his illness not be serious, permission to land will be made conditional upon the dispatch of an official telegram of apology to the French government and the dispatch of telegraphic instructions to Caracas for the immediate execution of the arbitral award in the matter of the French claims.

Dr. Domingo Castillo, the Venezuelan consul general at Hamburg, and D. Escalante, consul general at Liverpool, passed through Paris today on the way to Santander, presumably to meet President Castro.

DEPOSITS TOO LARGE.

Remarkable Conditions Existing With Canadian Banks.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 8.—A very remarkable condition of affairs is disclosed by the Canadian government's bank statement for October, just issued. It is shown that the people of this country are saving money at a very much faster rate than the banks and business men of the dominion can dispose of in profitable investments.

The result of this condition of things is that deposits in Canada increased during October to the extent of \$11,362,879, while the business of the country absorbed by way of current and call loans only \$3,332,014 more than during the previous month.

When it is remembered that the crop movement began very early this year, and that farmers were paid for their wheat and other products promptly, it will be understood that several million dollars of the increase for the month in deposits may be due to the plentifulness of money in the rural districts of the dominion.

Whatever the cause, however, banks of Canada are confronted with the fact that they have to earn interest on \$60,000,000 of capital and \$67,000,000 of deposits.

BRITISH GIVE PROTECTION.

American Gunboats Leave During Insurrection in China.

Pekin, Dec. 8.—Reports have been received here that the Americans in the Yangtze Kiang territory are indignant on account of the withdrawal of the American gunboats, which went to Manila with the Pacific fleet for target practice, leaving no protection for Americans during the recent insurrection at Nanking. Because of this the American consul general at Hankow, William Martin, was compelled to ask the British representative to look after American interests at Nanking.

Detailed reports of the revolutionary conditions which prevailed show that had the rebels succeeded in taking Nanking, an insurrection would have broken out in at least three or four places, which would have put the American residents in great danger.

Cabinet Timber in Wheeler.

Washington, Dec. 5.—William R. Wheeler, assistant secretary of commerce and labor, is suggested by the politicians for a place in the cabinet of President-elect Taft. A cabinet position is conceded to the Pacific coast, and since the name of George A. Knight aroused discussion and opposition the chances of Wheeler have been discussed. Wheeler as assistant secretary has had experience and is held to have shown himself capable of succeeding Secretary Straus if the latter should lay down the portfolio. Wheeler, however, has shown adaptability and another post in the cabinet may be his.

Fleet Passes Singapore.

Singapore, Dec. 8.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, under Rear Admiral Sperry, passed through the harbor here today. The steady procession impressed both the experts and the many other spectators. The scout cruiser Yankton kept in constant communication with the fleet during its passage, but otherwise the battleships did not communicate with the shore. The flagship Connecticut saluted the port, and the salute was returned. Many launches and small vessels filled with spectators went out to meet the American ships.

Ferry Crashes Into Mole.

Oakland, Dec. 8.—Missing her slip in the almost impenetrable fog that had settled down upon the bay and blotted everything from view, the ferry steamer Berkeley, crowded with commuters returning home from San Francisco at 12:28 last night, crashed into the bulkhead at the end of the Oakland mole with such force that one of the passengers was fatally injured, three seriously and a score of others crushed and trampled upon in the panic that followed.

Flood Threatens Town.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 8.—A continued rainfall and the consequent softening of the already crumbling banks has renewed apprehension that it is not improbable that considerable additional property loss may occur, notwithstanding the rapid recession of the Arkansas river, which at nightfall had fallen a foot. The embankment protecting the wholesale district and county court-house are impaired to such an extent that it is feared they will give away.

Electrocution on Trial.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 8.—County Justice Frank G. Seammell announced today that he would try to resuscitate the next man electrocuted in the New Jersey state prison. He will do this in an effort to disprove the claim of physicians that electrocution does not kill. John Mantzanna is under sentence to be electrocuted during the week of December 21.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

IRRIGATION GIVEN IMPETUS.

Vigorous Campaign Begun by Commercial Club of La Grande.

La Grande—With the avowed intention of running a preliminary survey from Meadow Brook canyon up the Grand Ronde river, down the river to its entrance into the Grand Ronde valley, following the proposed course of the main channel of the gigantic irrigation scheme now being fostered, and establishing the probable route of the laterals, that the land owners may be better apprised of the exact course, the Commercial club is searching for competent civil engineers to do the work immediately.

There is policy in the movement. When the preliminaries have been run, John Smith will know how near his farm is to be from the main channel or principal lateral, and Mr. Jones will have similar information. The sudden spurt of interest and determination expresses another highly laudable fact—lethargy has been discarded for the unanimous decision to push the work until Union county's greatest noon stands secured.

High School Debating League.

The November number of the University of Oregon Bulletin, contains the list of officers, constitution and by laws, propositions for debate, bibliographies, debate libraries and announcements for the year 1908-09, of the Oregon High School Debating League. The league consists of 34 schools, divided geographically into five districts. The Eastern Oregon district comprises the high schools of Baker City, Crook county, Elgin, La Grande, Ontario, Pendleton, Sherman county and Union; Columbia river comprises Astoria, The Dalles, Gresham, Hood River, Newberg, Tillamook, Woodburn and Yamhill; Central Oregon district, Albany, Brownsville, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Jefferson, Junction City, Lebanon, Salem and Silverton; Southern Oregon district, Central Point, Grants Pass, Klamath county and Roseburg, and the Coos bay district, Bandon, Coquille, Marshfield, Myrtle Point and North Bend.

Acres of Peach Pits.

Milton—The largest acreage of peach pits planted in the Northwest is just being finished by the Milton nurseries. Five acres of the seeds are being planted, over 3,000 pounds of the pits being required. The seeds are planted in long rows about three feet apart, and the pits are dropped five inches apart in two lines about five inches from each other, the seeds being left alternately, so that about every three inches along the row a tree is expected to grow. The planting is done with great care, each seed being placed by hand at exactly the same depth under the surface. In this way it is expected that practically a full growth of tiny trees will result.

Report of Southern Pacific.

Salem—The gross income to the Southern Pacific from its Oregon and California divisions between Ashland and Portland during the year ending June 30, 1908, according to the report filed with the Oregon Railroad commission, was \$2,714,600.25. Salaries and maintenance amounted to \$5,968,811; accrued taxes, \$188,770.34; net income, \$2,519,861.10. From this amount current expenses are deducted, making what is called the net corporate income in Oregon the past year \$949,813.76. The report also shows that receipts from the sale of lands held by the Southern Pacific in Oregon amounted to \$12,963.87.

Run Mill Night and Day.

Marshfield—The C. A. Smith Lumber company, of this city, has begun running night and day. The night shift gives employment to many millmen and will also increase the business of the company's lumber camp. The total daily output of the mill, with the night shift on, will be between 40,000 and 50,000 feet of sawed lumber. This will make the mill one of the largest producers of lumber on the coast. Increase of orders makes necessary the 20-hour day.

Baker Prepares for 300.

Baker City—At least 300 delegates are expected in this city December 15 to attend the irrigation congress. Arrangements are being made to entertain the delegates with a banquet and reception and probably a drive through Powder valley, where there is much irrigated land. The Vale Commercial club has forwarded an invitation to the entire congress to visit that city immediately after the work in Baker is completed.

Coos Bay's Appropriation.

Marshfield—Coos bay people were relieved when, in answer to an inquiry, a wire was received from Washington stating that the recommendation of a \$500,000 appropriation for Coos bay improvements had not been overlooked. The published budget of the army engineers did not include the Coos bay matter and explanations were asked.

Mining Project Meets Support.

Albany—The Albany Commercial club of this city has endorsed the proposition to erect a smelter in the Gold creek mining district in the North Santiam country. It is the opinion of the club members that the building of a smelter in this district would be an invaluable asset to Albany, as that country is tributary to this city.

PLAN RABBIT DRIVE.

Pests of Westerly Umatilla County Face Extermination.

Pendleton—Spurred by the destruction of fields of young alfalfa and the serious injury to newly set out fruit trees, left unprotected, set lers in the Hermiston country are planning a rabbit drive which will help exterminate the worst pest the farmers in that end of the county have to contend with. The drive will probably be pulled off late in December.

This will be the first big rabbit drive in this part of the country since H. C. Willis started his famous rabbit cannery at Echo, several years ago, and started in to run opposition to the Swifts and the Armour's. The drives held then, in which tens of thousands of rabbits were killed, were conducted just across the Umatilla river from Hermiston. Since the days of the Willis drives, however, a mysterious plague has made serious inroads into the herds of the long-eared pest until today there is not one rabbit where there were hundreds. The ranchers, however, have found that the number remaining is sufficiently large to cause great damage and the campaign of extermination has been arranged.

With the building of the main feed canal for the reclamation project, the country in which the coming drive is to be held is almost entirely surrounded by water, the Columbia river being one side, and the Umatilla on the other. This fact, together with the entirely open district, will make possible not only the almost complete extermination of the rabbits, but will also keep the number remaining from being recruited from the outside.

Old Patents Just Filed.

Hillsboro—Three old donation land claim patents were filed in the recorder's office here last week. David Walters, 160 acres, patent dated January 18, 1859; bearing the signature and seal of President Buchanan; Edward Barton and wife, March, 1866, issued by President Johnson, and William E. Walker, 318 acres, date of issue, 1869, signed by U. S. Grant, were the instruments filed. The Walters patent was issued while Oregon was yet a territory. These patents have lain in the family strong boxes all these years, and some of the places have been conveyed by the owners, long since dead.

Rails for Eagle Valley.

Baker City—Several carloads of steel for the new Eagle Valley railroad have arrived in this city from the east, the steel being hauled along the grade that is completed for several miles into the country. Thousands of ties are on the ground, also a large quantity of bridge timbers. A. B. Jacobs, head of the construction department, states that it will be but a short time until a construction train will be running in and out of Baker City.

\$30 Per Acre.

Klamath Falls—The cost of the water under the first unit of the Klamath irrigation project has been announced at \$30 per acre and 75 per acre yearly for maintenance fee. The first unit extends from Klamath Falls to Merrill and comprises 31,153 acres. The original estimate was \$18.60 per acre, but this was later qualified, and it was stated the cost would go higher, on account of labor and other conditions.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Fruits—Apples, \$75c@82c per box; pears, \$1a1.25; grapes, \$1a1.50 per crate; quinces, \$1a1.25 per box; cranberries, \$12.50 per barrel; huckleberries, 10a15c per pound; persimmons, \$1a1.25 per box. Potatoes—75a85c per cwt.; sweet potatoes, 2a2.25c per pound. Onions—\$1a1.10 per cwt. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1a1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25; horseradish, 8a10c per pound; artichokes, 90a\$1 per dozen; beans, 10a14c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2a1 3/4c per pound; celery, 50a85c per dozen; cauliflower, 75a\$1 per dozen; cucumbers, \$2a2.50 per box; eggplant, 11c per pound; lettuce, \$1a1.25 per box; parsley, 30c per dozen; peas, 12 1/2c per pound; peppers, 15a20c per pound; pumpkins, 1a1 1/4c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 9 1/2a10c per pound; squash, 1a1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 50a\$1.75 per box. Wheat—Bluestem, 96c; club, 90a91c; five, 90a91c; red Russian, 88c; 40-fold, 91c; valley, 91c. Barley—Feed, \$26.75 per ton; brewing, \$27. Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16a17.50; clover, \$12; alfalfa, \$12a12.50; grain hay, \$12.50a13. Butter—City creamery, extras, 36a37c; fancy outside creamery, 32 1/2a35c per pound; store, 17a20c. Eggs—Oregon select, 40a45c; Eastern, 29a32 1/2c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 12a12 1/2c per pound; spring, 11 1/2a12 1/2c; ducks, 14a15c; geese, 9a10c; turkeys, 16c; dressed turkeys, nominal. Veal—Extra, 8 1/2a9c per pound; ordinary, 7a7 1/2c; heavy, 5c. Pork—Fancy, 7 1/2c per pound; large, 5 1/2a6c. Hops—1908, choice, 8c; prime, 6a7 1/2c; medium, 5a6c per pound; 1907, 2a4c; 1906, 1a1 1/2c. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 10a14c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15a16c; mohair, choice, 18c.

LIVES BEYOND INCOME.

England Must Appropriate Big Sum for Stronger Navy.

London, Dec. 7.—Estimating that by the beginning of the next fiscal year in March, England will be living \$100,000,000 annually beyond its income, the administration is gradually breaking the news to the country that there must be a heavy increase in taxation shortly.

Forced by circumstances to declare for a stronger navy, the cabinet has undertaken a program involving \$30,000,000 unanticipated expenditures for ships.

To escape a quarrel with the various religious denominations over sectarian education in the public schools, financial concessions have been necessitated to the extent of \$7,500,000. Old age pensions, payment of which will begin on January 1, will cost at least \$35,000,000, and relief of the country's idle will foot up \$30,000,000.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George figures on making up the deficit as follows:

Income tax increase \$20,000,000; increased taxation of urban land, \$20,000,000; increased death duties, \$5,000,000; increased cost of liquor license, \$25,000,000; diversions from payments to sinking fund maintained for gradual payment of national debt, \$32,500,000.

Hints of the necessity for increased taxes have been thrown out from time to time for months past in speeches by the various cabinet members, and in the Liberal party newspapers. A plain statement of the situation has finally been made by the chancellor, accompanied by an outline of his plan for a remedy.

REBEL AT ROUTING RULE.

Chicago Shippers Opposed to New Regulation of Railroads.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The Tribune yesterday printed the following news article on the new railroad traffic rule: Shippers of Chicago and other cities are considerably exercised over what they regard as another attempt on the part of the railroads to deprive them of the right to specify the routing of freight shipments beyond the line of the initial carrier to which the freight is delivered.

This question has been the subject of a long-standing controversy between the shippers and the roads. Its renewal at the present time is caused by a rule in the new west-bound transcontinental tariff, effective in January. This provides: "The rates thereon are subject to the absolute and unqualified right of the initial carrier to determine the routing of freight beyond its own lines."

If enforced strictly, this rule is regarded as apparently in conflict with the administrative ruling of the interstate commerce commission.

Railroad officials said yesterday that under the commission's ruling the rule could not be enforced literally, but the fact remains that it is stated in black and white in the tariff and the shippers are wondering how far the roads will go when the tariff takes effect.

The National Industrial Traffic league, which since its organization has insisted on the right of the shipper to control the routing, is now preparing an amendment to the Hepburn law securing this right, which will be presented to congress at the coming session.

DEATH LIST GROWS.

Storm on Upper Atlantic Coast Gets Many Victims.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—More than 50 seamen have lost their lives off the upper North Atlantic coast during the last few days as the result of a storm of unprecedented severity. The peckoning, itemized as accurately as the meager reports will allow, follows:

December 3—Seventeen members of the crews of three fishing schooners drowned off the New Foundland coast.

December 4—Twenty-eight members of the crew of the schooner Soo City, which is believed to have sunk in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

December 5—Seven members of the crew of the barge No. 101, which went down off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Free Leather Scare British.

London, Dec. 7.—The threatened abolition of the tariff on leather is worrying English bootmakers. They have decided to hold a meeting to discuss means to be adopted in case the change should be made.

English leather, which is considered the best in the world, combined with American manufacturing ability, leading dealers admit, would let the Americans establish a British trade that would drive the Englishmen out of business. They would be able to put shoes on the market at a price nearly a fourth lower than that now charged.

Miles to Tour Africa.

Paris, Dec. 7.—General Nelson A. Miles leaves Paris in a few days for an extended automobile tour of Algeria and Tunisia, French possessions in Africa, and hopes to be able to push on into Morocco, if the health of his traveling companion, Colgate Hoyt, will permit the journey. Later General Miles will gratify a long-cherished wish to visit Corsica from one end to the other and then sail from Genoa for home in the spring.

Chicago's Official Santa Claus.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Postmaster Campbell yesterday received from the postmaster general an official letter that, in effect, makes John M. Hubbard, assistant postmaster, official Santa Claus of Chicago. The letter contained a letter addressed to Santa Claus, care of the postmaster general. Local merchants have made arrangements to have all these letters forwarded to them, with their guarantee that every one will be answered.

TAFT PROPOSES LONG PROGRAM

Important Points in Policy of New Administration.

Tariff Revision Comes First—Large Number of Measures to Govern Trusts—Reform Injunction Law—Extensive Improvements to Rivers, Beginning With Ohio.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 5.—The World is able to present here the principal legislative program of the Taft administration:

Tariff revision is the primary reason for the extra session that will be called immediately after March 4, 1909, but the next President sees no reason why, during that extra session, the Sherman anti-trust law should not be so amended that railroads may make rate agreements under the strict supervision of the interstate commerce commission. It is not likely that more subjects than the tariff and an amendment to the Sherman act will be named by Mr. Taft in calling the extra session, though he may decide later to mention all of the principal laws that he hopes to see enacted. These are:

- 1. Putting a limitation on the issuance of interstate bonds and stocks.
2. Authorizing railroads to make rate agreements which otherwise would be in violation of the anti-trust law, subject to the approval of the interstate commerce commission.
3. Defining particular cases in which temporary restraining orders may be issued without notice, and prescribing proceedings limiting their operation to the very shortest day.
4. Such amendments to the law organizing the bureau of corporations as shall require certain large corporations doing an interstate business to submit to the scrutiny and examination of agents of the federal government.

Reorganizing the department of justice, the interstate commerce commission and the department of commerce and labor in respect to the jurisdiction exercised by them over interstate corporations, both railroads and others. It is Mr. Taft's idea that the three departments should work harmoniously, so that no one shall be going over ground covered by another and so that there shall be no conflict of authority. Ultimately cases handled by these departments must now go to the courts, but it is Mr. Taft's idea that a large number of cases can be disposed of finally and equitably by the departments under the right sort of law.

6. Reform in the monetary and banking systems of the country. This is recognized as one of the great problems before the new administration, but it is not expected that it will be taken up at the extra session.
7. Conservation of the natural resources of the country, including the Appalachian bill. The question of the constitutional power of the federal government in this matter is not yet clear. It can be said that Mr. Taft is in sympathy with the end to be accomplished, but that he will recommend no legislation until he is satisfied as to the exact length to which the federal government can go.

8. Improvements of rivers and harbors. The new administration is committed to an energetic policy of improvement, particularly of inland waterways. The Ohio river nine-foot channel from Pittsburgh to Cairo is to be brought to the front. It will cost \$61,000,000, and the next president favors the issuance of bonds to push the work.

BEGINS HOSTILE ACTION.

Dutch Warships Make Demonstration Off Venezuelan Coast.

Willemstad, Dec. 5.—Having been unable to obtain amicable settlement of outstanding differences with Venezuela, The Netherlands government has begun a naval demonstration off the coast of the South American republic, and since Wednesday vessels flying the Dutch flag have steamed from Puerto Cabello to La Guayra, at a distance of 3000 yards from the shore.

Will Not Admit Charge.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 5.—E. A. Dupont, secretary, and Edward M. Mead, treasurer, of the several powder companies against which suit has been brought by the government, were examined today before United States Commissioner Malaffey, by the government counsel in regard to the purchase of competing companies by the Dupont company, and an effort was made to show that, during several years when no dividends were declared, the money was used in purchasing other companies, but they would not admit this.

Finds Infernal Machine.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 5.—What is believed to be an infernal machine was found in the Western Pacific construction yards today by a workman under a pile of ties. It consisted of a two-gallon can of dynamite, to which was attached a blasting fuse five feet long. The workman took the infernal machine to an open field and set it off, the explosion shaking the buildings within a radius of ten miles. There was enough explosive in the can to have blown a business block.

Seventeen Die in Storm.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 5.—Seventeen persons have perished in a storm which has lashed the New Foundland coast for 48 hours. In all ten fishing vessels have gone ashore, most of them breaking in fragments on the rocks. The storm caused much damage to wharves and boats in the numerous harbors.