

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

An explosion of gas in the Palu coal mine in Mexico killed 72 men.

Cuba is making every possible effort to have a clean and orderly election.

Strahorn says Tacoma may be made one of the Coast terminals of the North Coast line.

Since his visit to Washington the Sultan of Sulu is more loyal than ever to Uncle Sam.

Five bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the Los Angeles Times building.

A Lake Huron passenger boat foundered, but all on board were saved by a passing steamer.

Donations are coming in for the families of those killed in the destruction of the Los Angeles Times office.

An young Italian was clubbed to death by highwaymen in Chicago while his fiancée was waiting a fine Sunday dinner for him.

Twenty-nine men from the battleship New Hampshire were drowned by the sinking of a barge on which they were returning to the ship from shore.

Wu Ting Fang, formerly Chinese minister to Washington, has dropped his queue, to emphasize his request to his government for permission for all of his countrymen abroad to do likewise.

A German aviator fell 150 feet in his machine, and died of his injuries.

Canada is seeking new reciprocity arrangements with the United States.

Danger of an uprising in China is causing military activity in the United States.

The son of a rich San Francisco man is serving a five months' jail sentence for pocket-picking.

A San Jose woman has been given a verdict of \$1,792 against a newspaper for being called a leper.

For the first time in 50 years all gambling in Nevada will be closed by law, taking effect October 1.

All foreign steamship lines are refusing to take passengers or freight from Naples, on account of the epidemic of cholera there.

The Southern Pacific and Salt Lake railroads have granted a material reduction on citrus fruits from California to all Northwest points.

Walter Brooks, a pupil of Wilbur Wright, flew from Chicago to Springfield, Ill., 187 miles, with but two stops, winning a \$10,000 prize and establishing a new long distance record.

The patent rights in this and all foreign countries for the new concrete railroad tie recently invented by George Gates, of Stockton, Cal., have been sold to a syndicate of capitalists for \$17,500,000.

By a vote which was practically unanimous, the American Mining congress at Los Angeles, declared itself in favor of state control of all natural resources, and against all ideas of conservation except to prevent actual waste.

Advocates of states' rights find little support at the conservation congress.

A New York actress now claims \$50,000 of "Lucky" Baldwin's estate.

Catholic newspapers at Madrid freely predict the early removal of Premier Canalejas.

Coulee City, Wash., went "dry" by one vote, and the one saloon in the town will be closed.

Roosevelt was elected temporary chairman of the Republican state convention of New York.

Robbers who looted a S. P. mail car in Louisiana, overlooked packages of currency containing \$250,000.

Cholera has become epidemic at Naples, Italy, and many have died in the streets of the poorer districts.

Rioting became general in the Berlin strike and over 100 persons were injured by charging police, many of them seriously.

George Chavez, who crossed the Alps from Switzerland to Italy in an aeroplane and met disaster while trying to land, died of his injuries.

Walter Brooks, in a Wright aeroplane, sailed over the city of Chicago for 20 minutes and then returned and landed safely at the starting point.

Strikers and police had a pitched battle in the streets of Berlin.

Two German torpedo boats ran ashore during practice evolutions.

Western roads are charged with continued violations of the anti-rebate laws.

The Republican organization of South Carolina continues under control of colored men.

Before a mass meeting at Pueblo, Colo., Bryan declared that the Roosevelt policies were preached by himself 14 years ago.

MORE BOMBS DISCOVERED.

Plot to Wreck Home of Editor-in-Chief Found in Time.

Los Angeles—Following the explosion and fire which destroyed the Times building, with the almost certain loss of 19 lives and injury to more than a score of others, the finding of a dynamite bomb under the residence of F. J. Zeelandaar, secretary of the Merchants & Manufacturers' association, and another late in the day under the window of the residence of General Harrison Gray Otis, editor-in-chief of the Times, kept this city in a ferment of excitement and made the day one of sensational and tragic events.

Within a minute after the explosion in the Times office the instantaneous ignition of gas from the pipes through the building caused flames to dart from a hundred windows and leap far above the roof. Its force was greatest in the heart of the building directly under the composing room. The men working there were thrown to the ground and the linotype machines tumbled over like a house of cards.

There were 115 employees in the building at the time, half a hundred others having left within a half hour before with the winding up of the work of the first edition. The scenes that followed were indescribable. Men cut off from ordinary exits by flames darting from every side, rushed hither and thither looking for means of escape and were forced finally to jump from second and third story windows.

AUTOS KILL MANY.

Four Dead and Nineteen Hurt Strew Course of Races.

Long Island Motor Parkway, New York—Four dead and 19 seriously injured—three probably fatally—was the price in human flesh paid for the running of the sixth Vanderbilt cup race, won by Harry Grant, driving a 120-horsepower Alco machine.

The race was the most closely contested of any of the Vanderbilt races, and with the two small-car events running as a unit with it brought out a record number of starters.

The time for the first three cars to finish in the main event exceeded the best time ever made in an American road race. Grant, by covering the 278.80 miles of the course in four hours, 12 minutes and 58 seconds—equivalent to an average of 65.15 miles an hour—established a new American record.

Brilliant as was the performance of the three winners and thrilling as was the race itself, the horror caused by the wholesale maiming and killing which attended it, cast such a deep shadow over spectators, participants and management that the crowd dispersed under a pall of sorrow.

Yet notwithstanding the list of casualties, it was announced that the grand prize race over the same course would be held October 15. Fifteen cars have already been entered for the event.

UNION CULPABILITY DENIED.

Strike Committee Gives Statement Deploring Loss of Life.

Los Angeles—The strike committee of the metal trades, members of which have been on strike for some months, issued the following statement:

"The union labor men in Los Angeles deplore deeply the loss of life and injury in the explosion and fire at the Times' plant. The unions declare that the statement in the Times that the explosion was caused by some person or persons connected with organized labor here or elsewhere is false. Ever since the beginning of union labor here, violence of every sort has been condemned in public and private. No union man has been permitted to commit any act of violence, be it ever so slight, nor have the unions failed rigorously to demand that their members obey the laws.

"We believe that success can only be won by peaceful reasoning and showing the laboring man his rights and duties.

"We therefore deny unequivocally that the unions or any union man in our knowledge had anything to do with any violence against the Times' employees or property.

"We stand ready and willing to do all in our power to aid in a thorough investigation of the explosion."

Haskell Slights Colonel.

Oklahoma City—Governor Charles N. Haskell informed George R. Belding, secretary of the Arkansas fair association, that he declined an invitation to be present at the reception to Colonel Roosevelt at Little Rock, October 10. The governor declared that until he changes his mind toward the "official misconduct of Colonel Roosevelt in the past or his attempt to deceive the people in the present," he could not consistently place himself in the position of approving the Roosevelt policies.

Fake Mines Catch Suckers.

New York—Two hundred thousand dollars a day pour into the offices of the fraudulent mining stock brokers of New York. One hundred million dollars is the record in the last three years. Thirty millions of this went into the coffers of one concern alone. Another \$100,000,000 went to all of them during the three years preceding the panic of 1907. These figures are furnished by Postoffice Inspector Warden W. Dickinson.

Aviators Collide in Air.

Milan—The aviators, Dickinson and Thomas, collided while circling the aerodrome here at a rapid pace. Dickinson was probably fatally hurt internally. Thomas was injured about the legs and head.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

SHEEP SHOW GREAT EVENT.

Cups and Cash Prizes to Be Put Up for Winners.

Portland—Headquarters for the annual convention of the National Woolgrowers' association and mid-winter sheep show, which is to be held in this city January 4, 5, 6 and 7, have been established on the sixth floor of the Commercial club building and a committee on invitation and publicity has been named. This important committee is composed of C. C. Chapman, G. F. Johnson, P. E. Sullivan, C. B. Merrick and C. A. Whitmore.

It is expected that the show will be the biggest in the history of the National Woolgrowers' association. It will be held in the Armory and a large number of valuable prizes will be offered for high bred sheep, including cups.

The Oregon Thoroughbred Livestock association, with headquarters at Salem, has offered a \$50 cup to be placed at the discretion of the directors of the show. The Angora Goat association has decided to appropriate \$100 for specials in single classes.

At a recent meeting of the Willamette Valley Woolgrowers' association \$25 was appropriated for premiums, to be divided as follows: \$15 and \$10 for one lot of three rams and three ewes, of any age, bred and exhibited by Willamette valley breeders.

The Salem Woolen Mills has set aside a fine pair of blankets to be placed on Merino sheep.

A. J. Kollin & Co., of Chicago, have decided upon \$90 in cash specials to be awarded the same as last year. The American Angora Goat association will give a handsome cup for Angora goats. The Pendleton Woolen Mills have prepared a special pair of blankets, valued at \$50, to be given as sweepstakes prize for the exhibit of one breeder.

SETTLERS IMPROVE LANDS.

Forty Families Build Homes in Central Oregon "Desert."

Redmond—Lying southeast of this place, on what is known locally as the "high plains," is a vast wheat section that is rapidly being settled by homesteaders. It was only during the past year that this land attracted attention, but many claims have been filed upon and their development is under way. V. Schrauder, one of the first to move onto this land, reports that in Hampton valley there are 40 houses and tents. Hundreds of acres have been plowed and cleared, miles of fence built and dozens of wells dug, striking fine water in each instance at a depth of only a few feet.

The settlers have taken steps to build a school house, as there are 26 school children in the valley. A petition has been circulated and liberally signed, asking for the establishment of a postoffice. This section is open to filing under the 320-acre homestead act, and will likely be tapped by the proposed Hill railroad, which it is believed will branch from the Oregon Trunk at Bend and extend in a southeasterly direction across the state, passing through the heart of "high plains."

HATCHERY RETURNS LARGE.

Master Fish Warden Clanton Returns From Inspection Trip.

Salem—Master Fish Warden Clanton has returned from the Umpqua hatchery and gives a flattering account of the season's work as far as it has progressed. Superintendent of that hatchery has reported to the Master Fish Warden a collection of 250,000 eggs daily and says there are about 6,000 salmon in the racks.

"In all my experience with fisheries," says the master fish warden, "I have never witnessed anything like the sight between the Winchester and Umpqua hatchery, a distance of about 15 miles. The spawning beds are literally covered, and as no fishing is allowed between these two points there will be great results.

"The superintendent has been turning fish above the racks for two weeks, there being so many as to make it practically impossible to care for them."

Teachers to Hear Good Speakers.

Grants Pass—Able speakers have been obtained for the joint county institute to be held here October 13. J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of public instruction; L. R. Alderman, of the State University; Miss Catherine Montgomery, of the Bellingham schools, and Prof. Sampson, of the Cheney Normal school, will all be present to instruct. The joint institutes generally bring together about 300 teachers and patrons of the schools.

New Boat Line for The Dalles.

The Dalles—Within a few days a new boat will be operating between The Dalles and Cascade Locks. A company has been formed here that has purchased the steamer Tahoma, which boat will make daily round trips between here and the Locks, leaving there at 7 a. m. and arriving here at 11, leaving on the return at 2 p. m.

President Kerr to Go to Washington.

Corvallis—President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college, will go East to Washington, D. C., the middle of November to attend the annual meeting of the association of American Agricultural Experiment stations, of which he is president.

APPLE CROP IS BOUGHT.

Three Hundred Carloads Taken by Chicago Firm.

Walla Walla—Three hundred cars of apples, practically the entire remaining output of the Milton-Freewater district, have been disposed of in one lot to Chicago dealers. Neither prices nor names of purchasers were given out by Manager H. B. Lamb, of the Fruitgrowers' union, who has returned from Chicago.

The apples will be hurried to the East as fast as they can be picked and loaded. About 50 cars have already been started on their way, and the balance of the crop will follow just as soon as it is possible to get it on the road. Workmen are on full shift day and night getting boxes ready for the apples and apples ready for the boxes.

There have been 370 carloads of fruit shipped from Freewater, and with the rest of the fruit yet to go it is estimated that the Milton-Freewater district alone will have shipped 650 to 700 cars when the season ends. Most of the fruit has been shipped to the East, and much to the Middle West.

Fruit Dryer is Destroyed.

Cottage Grove—The Cottage Grove fruit dryer was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, together with most of this season's run of 40 tons of dried prunes. The loss is estimated at \$9,000, partially covered by \$2,500 insurance. The fire started from an overheated furnace. It is a heavy loss to fruitgrowers and the owners of the dryer, as a new dryer cannot be constructed in time to handle this year's crop, which is heavy.

Lumber Company Ories for Cars.

Salem—The Calapooia Lumber company has complained to the State Railroad commission that it cannot obtain cars for its California business and mentions several towns for which the company has shipments that it will be unable to handle if cars are not forthcoming.

Hermiston Alfalfa.

Hermiston—Several immense bunches of alfalfa have been secured from the ranch of P. P. Sullivan. While all of these are large in diameter and the stems are long, one is especially so. This one measures nine feet seven inches from the crown to the tip.

Roseburg Plans High School.

Roseburg—A new high school building to cost about \$100,000 is being planned for Roseburg. The district has three grade buildings. The population of the district has grown so rapidly the last year that another building will be needed sorely in less than 12 months.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 90 @ 91c; club, 83c @ 84c; red Russian, 81c; valley, 88c; 40-fold, 85c @ 86c; Turkey red, 82c @ 83c.

Barley—Feed, \$22 per ton; brewing, \$23.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$25 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$27; rolled barley, \$24.50 @ 25.50.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$19 @ 20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21 @ 22; alfalfa, new, \$15 @ 16; grain hay, \$14.

Corn—Whole, \$32 ton; cracked, \$33. Oats—White, \$27.50 per ton.

Green Fruits—Apples, new, 75c @ \$1.50 per box; plums, 40c @ 75c; pears, 75c @ 82c; peaches, 40c @ 65c per crate; grapes, 75c @ \$1.25 per box; 17c @ 19c per basket; cranberries, \$8.50 @ 9.50 per barrel; huckleberries, 8c per pound; watermelons, \$1 per hundred; cantaloupes, \$1 @ 2 per crate; casabas, \$3.50 per dozen.

Vegetables—Beans, 3c @ 5c per pound; cabbage, 2c; cauliflower, 50c @ \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 75c @ 90c; corn, 12c @ 15c; cucumbers, 25c @ 40c per box; eggplant, \$1.25 per crate; garlic, 8c @ 10c per pound; green onions, 15c per dozen; peppers, 6c per pound; radishes, 15c @ 20c per dozen; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 2c @ 2 1/2c; tomatoes, 15c @ 16c per box; carrots, \$1 @ 1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1 @ 1.25; turnips, \$1.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.15 @ 1.25 per hundred.

Onions—New \$1.25 @ 1.50 per sack. Poultry—Hens, 16c @ 16 1/2c; springs, 16c @ 16 1/2c; ducks, white, 17c @ 17 1/2c; geese, 11c @ 12c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 22c; squabs, \$2 per dozen.

Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 36c per pound; prints, 37c @ 37 1/2c; outside creamery, 35c @ 36c; butter fat, 36c; country store butter, 24c @ 25c.

Eggs—Oregon candied, 34c @ 35c per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13c per pound.

Veal—Good, average, 11c @ 12 per pound.

Cattle—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.25 @ 5.50; fair to medium, \$4.25 @ 4.75; choice spayed heifers, \$4.50 @ 4.85; good to choice beef cows, \$4 @ 4.25; medium to good beef cows, \$3.25 @ 3.75; common beef cows, \$2 @ 3.50; bulls, \$3 @ 3.50; stags, good to choice, \$4 @ 4.25; calves, light, \$5.75 @ 7; heavy, \$3.75 @ 5.

Hogs—Top, \$10.50 @ 10.75; fair to medium, \$10 @ 10.25.

Sheep—Best Mt. Adams wethers, \$4 @ 4.25; best valley wethers, \$3.25 @ 3.50; fair to good wethers, \$3 @ 3.25; best valley ewes, \$3 @ 3.50; lambs, choice Mt. Adams, \$5.25 @ 5.50; choice valley, \$5 @ 5.25.

Hops—1910 crop, 11c @ 13c; 1909 crop 8c @ 9c; olds nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13c @ 17c per pound; valley, 17c @ 19c; mohair choice, 32c @ 33c.

PINCHOT STORM BREAKS.

Attacks Upon Him Cheered by Mining Congress.

Los Angeles—The long expected storm against Pinchot and his policy of conservation broke in full force at the American Mining congress here. "Socialist," "Dreamer," "Honest but impractical," were some of the terms hurled at the head of the deposed forester.

The lone defender of Pinchot, S. C. Graham, a local oil operator, delivered his defense in absolute silence and when he finished with a fervid burst of oratory there was not a sound of applause.

Ed. F. Browne, of Aspen, Colo., started the expression of disfavor to Pinchot by presenting a resolution declaring that the withdrawal of all coal lands from entry in the Western states and "an ill-considered law attempting to segregate the coal beneath the surface rights," would destroy the great mining interests of the country and the proposition to lease the mineral lands "is rank Socialism adopted from the laws of New Zealand and Australia, and this man who advocates the action is a Socialist."

Representative Smith, of Bakersfield, fiercely attacked "over-lordism by the Federal government as to natural resources." He was cheered to the echo.

Ex-Representative C. A. Barlow, of Bakersfield, attacked Pinchot and his policies.

"Pinchot is a good man, but thoroughly impractical as to oil," he declared. The delegates shouted applause. Barlow said Pinchot's ideas led to the United States fixing the price of oil and would abrogate the laws of demand and supply and would end our government.

T. A. O'Donnell, a Los Angeles oil operator, declared himself anti-Pinchot.

"Pinchot is honest, but misguided," he said. "I favor the oil men's associating with the congress and the passing of some resolution of natural resources and conservation as applied to the oil business here. But I am forever against the drifting of the government toward a bureaucratic supervision of Western mining and forest industries."

EARTH SHAKES; SETTLERS FLEE

Volcanic Disturbances Destroy Homes and Frighten People.

Flagstaff, Ariz.—Remarkable earth disturbances continue north of Flagstaff extending through to the grand canyon. J. P. Chaves, a well known stockman, brought in his family, and others have followed since, all very much alarmed; Chaves' adobe house was shaken from its foundation, the corner cracked, and the chimney toppled off.

Lava stones weighing many tons were torn from the lava bed and crashed down the mountainside. Only a few stockmen live in that section. Those who have come in refuse to go back.

The rumblings seem to come from the direction of the grand canyon and cover an area of 40 or 50 miles along the mountains. The earth tremors have been continuous since Saturday, and occasionally with much violence. Both whites and Indians have fled from the region.

There are more than 30 old volcano craters in the section, but so far as known none have shown any sign of activity. The phenomena are believed to be due to faults in the earth's crust, which is slipping. The whole country is of volcanic origin. No alarm is felt in Flagstaff.

HOME RULE NOW SEEN NEAR

Redmond's Speech Enthusiasm American Irish to Pledge Help.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Irishmen from all parts of the United States and Canada rallied to the standard of John B. Redmond and his colleagues in the Irish Nationalist party. It was the opening of the fifth biennial national convention of the United Irish league, but the sessions resolved themselves into a continuous eulogy of Redmond, Devlin and O'Connor and their colleagues, and a ratification of the policies they represent.

Woman's Luggage Seized.

New York—Mrs. H. N. Slater, of Readville, Mass., related to the prominent Slater family of New England and financially interested in a New York firm of the same name, was not permitted to take away her baggage when she arrived from Europe in the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. She declared the model gowns valued at \$1,400 and additional personal effects worth \$300, but the customs inspectors insisted on a complete appraisal of the contents of her nine pieces of baggage.

Taft Busy; Sultan Waits.

Washington—Haji Jumalo Kiram, the Sultan of Sulu, found President Taft too busily engaged with affairs of state to see him when he called and an audience was arranged for the following afternoon. The sultan and his native advisers, escorted by Colonel Hugh L. Scott, U. S. A., visited the War department, where they met Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army. Through an interpreter he chatted with General Wood.

Negroes Control State.

Columbia S. C.—The plan to wrest control of the Republican political organization of South Carolina from the negro did not materialize at the party's state convention, and it will be overwhelmingly controlled by negroes.

SAILORS DROWNED

Warship's Men Perish When Overloaded Boat Sinks.

Party of About 90 Jolly Tars Returning From Shore Leave Meet Disaster.

New York—Over a score of sailors from the battleship New Hampshire are believed to have lost their lives by drowning when the tender, loaded with 80 or 90 men, whose shore leave had expired, was swamped or upset in the Hudson river about 250 feet from the West 118th street dock.

Midshipman Godfrey de Chevalier, who had charge of the tender, was taken from the water unconscious and is in the ship's hospital. It is reported that he saved 15 sailors before exhaustion overcame him.

When the deeply laden tender set out from the shore, towed by a launch, there was a strong wind blowing across the river and kicking up choppy waves. The sailors were singing and joking at the top of their voices, when the craft struck a large wave, dumping a great quantity of water into the boat. Another wave threw water over the gunwales.

Seeing that the boat was sinking, some of the sailors sprang overboard. The fellows first overboard made the jump, as one sailor explained, because they were expert swimmers, and got out hoping to lighten the cutter. Their jump was made at the behest of a heavy-voiced sailor, who shouted "Every man who is a good swimmer jump out."

A moment more and the cutter was awash, with her load of jacksies struggling in the water. Some clung to the water-logged craft, strong swimmers gave a hand to the weaker ones, while dozens shouted the familiar call: "Man overboard." This cry was heard on the New Hampshire, and the steam launch put out to the rescue.

The launch rendered valuable assistance, and reinforced by a nearby power boat, which chanced to be on the scene, every man in sight was taken out of the water. Whenever a bobbing head showed, a man was rescued. But in the darkness several sank, and others were almost unconscious when dragged to safety.

On board the New Hampshire 61 were counted with wet clothes, indicating merely that 61 had been saved and leaving blank the more serious gap of possible dead. As 250 men from the ship had shore leave, there was no way of ascertaining just how many were aboard the tender. Several sailors who were in the upset boat hesitated to estimate the number lost, although those who are inclined to take a more serious view of the affair placed the list as high as thirty.

There was given out from the battleship a list of 29 men who were supposed to have perished. Appended to this list are the names of 11 men who are still absent, but who were not recognized as having been in the swamped boat.

FLIGHT TRIAL ILLFATED.

Aviator Has Disastrous Trip Over Rocky Mountains.

Helena, Mont.—J. C. Mars, aviator, underwent one of the most remarkable experiences of his career when he essayed to make a flight across the Rocky Mountains. The effort resulted in disaster, but Mars succeeded in establishing an American altitude record, his aneroid indicator showing a height of 7,500 feet. John Ringling, of Chicago, and Lewis Penwell, of Helena, offered Mars a purse of \$1,000 if he succeeded in crossing the main range of the Rockies and he made the start at 10 o'clock.

The start was most auspicious, the heavy weather favoring him, as he passed out of sight. Hours passed and no report was received from towns on the other side and it was realized that he had met with an accident.

Searching parties were sent out and found the dismantled machine near the top of the range, where it had fallen. Fortunately Mars had escaped injury. The right plane, front wheel and propeller were smashed in alighting, but the machine was brought back.

Football Takes Its Toll.

Carlisle, Kan.—Melville Waters, 17 years old, a junior in Carlisle high school, was kicked in the head in a football game between the Carlisle and Rockville high school teams, and died an hour later.

Middleton, Conn.—Arthur Wright, of Oakfield, N. Y., a member of the Wesleyan eleven, is in a serious condition as a result of injury suffered during the football game with the Connecticut Agricultural college. It was stated that he had ruptured a kidney.

Wu Removes His Queue.

Washington—Memorializing the throne at Peking by removing his queue, Wu Ting Fang, former minister to Washington, has explained how he happened to take that attitude. In his memorial Mr. Wu says that Chinese residents in Central, North and South America have been persecuted by foreigners until they implored him to seek an imperial edict giving them sanction to cropping the hair to conform with Western ideas.