

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.

Leaders in congress think an extra session will be avoided.

The Kansas legislature is blocked by the advance effects of a political fight two years hence.

A U. S. revenue cutter captured one Chinese smuggling vessel near Santa Barbara, Cal., but several others escaped in a fog.

Danville, Ill., is shaken by the prospect in grand jury inquiry, and even a visit of Speaker Cannon to this, his home town, failed to turn the jury from its course.

A Portland policeman captured three highwaymen who attempted to hold him up, a fourth man escaping. Contractors who bid to supply California state institutions with potatoes will lose about \$30,000, owing to the high prices.

Parmalee, in a Wright biplane, remained in the air 25 minutes longer than the previous American record.

The schooner Lakme reached San Francisco after a terrific experience in a hurricane, at one time being but 20 feet from the ledge of rocks off Cape Blanco.

The Idaho legislature will investigate all state institutions.

Eastern hop buyers balk at high prices asked for Coast product.

Heavy rains and melting snow threaten floods in Willamette valley.

An anarchist fired two shots at Premier Briand, of France, but neither one hit him.

Twenty-six Japanese have been sentenced to death for a recent attempt upon the life of the Mikado.

Details of the assault on Consul Williamson at Dabny show intense hatred of Japanese for Americans.

Alleged extravagance in conducting the Oregon insane asylum has brought about a legislative investigation.

The town of Gardiner, Ore., is reported to have been almost totally destroyed by fire.

Scouts in an airship failed to discover the advancing "enemy" during practice maneuvers.

Railroads defend their advance in Western freight rates, declaring government ownership is the only alternative.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$4.55; club, \$2.42; red Russian, \$2.40; Valley \$2.35; 40-fold, \$3.84.

Barley—Feed, \$2.45 per ton; brewing, \$2.75 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$23.50 to \$24.50 per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50 to \$26.50; rolled barley, \$25 to \$26.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$19 to \$20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21 to \$22; alfalfa, \$13; grain hay, \$14.50 to \$15.50; clover, \$14 to \$14.50.

Corn—Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 ton. Oats—No 1 white, \$28 to \$29 ton. Apples—Waxen, \$50 to \$51; Baldwin, \$50 to \$51; Northern Spy, \$50 to \$51; Snow, \$1.25; Red Cheek Pippin, \$1.25; Winter Banana, \$1.75 to \$2; Spitzenberg, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Yellow Newtown, \$1.75.

Green Fruits—Pears, \$1.25 to \$2 per box; cranberries, \$12 to \$15 per barrel.

Vegetables—Beans, 12 1/2¢ per lb.; cabbage, 12 1/2¢ per hundred; cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; celery, California, \$3 to \$3.25 per crate; squash, 1 1/2¢ per lb.; tomatoes, \$1.75 per box; carrots, \$1.25 to \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.25; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Potatoes—Oregon, jobbing prices, \$1.25 to \$1.35 per hundred. Onions—Buying price, \$1.50 per hundred.

Poultry—Live: Hens, 18 1/2¢ to 19¢; Springs, 18 1/2¢ to 19¢; turkeys, 20¢ to 21¢; ducks, 23¢; geese, 14¢; dressed turkeys, choice, 25¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 33¢ to 35¢; Eastern, 28¢ to 30¢.

Butter—City creamery extra, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 35¢ per pound; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 11¢ to 12¢ per pound. Veal—Fancy, \$5 to 125 pounds, 13¢ to 14¢ per pound.

Hops—1910 crop, 18 1/2¢ to 19¢; 1909 crop, 10¢ to 12¢; contracts, 12¢ to 13¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 12¢ to 18¢ per lb., according to shrinkage; Valley, 17¢ to 19¢ per pound. Mohair, choice, 30¢ to 31¢.

Cattle—Prime steers \$7 to \$7.50; good to choice, \$6.50 to \$7.00; fair to good, \$5 to \$6.50; common, \$4.50 to \$5.75; good to prime cows, \$5.25 to \$5.50; good to choice beef cows, \$4.75 to \$5.25; fair to choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; common to fair, \$2 to \$4; good to choice heifers, \$4.75 to \$5; fair to good, \$4.50 to \$4.75; common to fair, \$4 to \$4.25; choice to good fat bulls, \$3.75 to \$4.50; fair to good, \$3.25 to \$3.50; common bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.25; good to choice light calves, \$7 to \$7.50; fair to good, \$6.50 to \$7; good to choice heavy calves, \$5.25 to \$6; fair to good, \$4.75 to \$5.25; common calves, \$3.75 to \$4.75; good to choice stags, \$4.50 to \$5.

Hogs—Fair to good, \$4 to \$4.50; choice, \$3.75 to \$4.10; good to choice, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, grain-fed, \$4.75 to \$5; old wethers, grain-fed, \$4.25 to \$4.50; choice ewes, grain-fed, \$3.75 to \$4.75; feeders, \$2.25 to \$3; choice lambs, grain-fed, \$6.50 to \$7; good to choice, grain-fed, \$6 to \$6.25.

ENDURANCE RECORD BROKEN.

Aviator Parmalee Beats Former American Record of 28 Minutes.

San Francisco.—San Francisco's aviation meet produced a new American record when Phillip O. Parmalee, piloting a Wright biplane, remained aloft for three hours 39 minutes and 49 1/5 seconds.

The best previous endurance performance was that of A. L. Welch, of St. Louis, who established a record of three hours, 11 minutes and 55 seconds. At Los Angeles' recent meet, the late Arch Hoxsey was credited with an unofficial record of three hours and 17 minutes.

A throng of more than 25,000 cheered the birdman as he pursued his monotonous course. When he finally descended he was given a rousing ovation. Several enthusiasts, among them Eugene B. Ely, hoisted Parmalee on their shoulders and carried him in triumph to a stand in the middle of Seifridge field, where General Tasker H. Bliss, other Army officers and a number of women crowded about the aviator to congratulate him. "I could have remained up longer," said Parmalee, "but my seat grew so hard and my hands and feet so numb with the cold that I decided to come down after clinching the American record."

Parmalee's long flight was uneventful. Once while sailing close to the San Bruno hills on the far side of the field, he dipped suddenly and sharply to force gasoline into his engines. Weather conditions were excellent, although bright sunshine did not wholly temper the air's nipping touch.

MINE PERIL GREAT.

Inexperienced Foreign Labor Endangers American Workers.

Washington.—Through misunderstanding of orders or by reckless disregard of the necessary rules of operation, foreign-born workmen without actual experience in mining often imperil the lives of trained and experienced workers, according to a bulletin made public by the Bureau of Labor.

The figures cited are principally for the decade ended with the year 1908, in which the fatal accidents in the coal mines were at the rate of 3.11 per 1000 employees. For the decade ended 1906, the latest for which figures for other coal mining countries were available, the average fatality rate in North America, says the report, was 3.14 per 1000. This, it is said, was higher than the rate in other important fields in the world. Figures for a few countries for the same period are: United Kingdom, 1.29 per 1000 employees; Austria, 1.35; France, 1.81, and Prussia, 2.13.

BONILLA IS ASSEMBLING MEN.

Effect of Seizure on Rebel Is Main Topic at Ceiba.

Ceiba, Honduras.—Great excitement was caused here when it became known that the United States cruiser Tacoma had "arrested" the revolutionary gunboat Hornet at Truxillo. It is not known what effect the seizure will have on General Bonilla's operations. Reports have reached here that for more than a week he has been mobilizing troops at Nueva America, 28 miles east of here on the coast, preparatory to an attack.

Ceiba appears to have more generals, captains and other minor officers than soldiers and the government has experienced considerable trouble in enlisting loyal privates. Trenches have been built on the outskirts of Ceiba and government officials express confidence in their ability to defend the town.

America Offers Aid.

Washington.—In response to the request of Hayti, the American Government has formally tendered its good offices to both Hayti and Santo Domingo in a friendly effort to bring about a settlement of the territorial dispute that is seriously threatening the peace of the two countries. Secretary Knox has sent telegrams to the American Ministers at Port au Prince and Santo Domingo City direct to inform the respective governments to which they are accredited that the United States stands ready to intervene.

Bond Demand Improves.

New York.—Improvement in the investment demand from capital went on last week, though in moderate degree, and afforded a basis for some operations in stock. The tendency was most strikingly reflected in the bond department of the Stock Exchange itself, the volume of dealings swelling to a daily average seldom equaled in the last year. Each day brought its announcement of a sale of new bonds.

Airship Circles Warships.

Lima, Peru.—The aviator Biolovici made a flight to Callao at a height of 200 feet, circling over the warships in the harbor and returned to the course here, where he made a perfect landing. The Peruvian aviator, Tenaud, who attempted a flight, came suddenly to the ground because of an accident to his motor. He was not hurt.

Aviator Takes Three Passengers.

Mourmelon, France.—Henry Weinmann made a brilliant flight with three passengers. He flew across country to Rheims and return, about 37 miles, in one hour. A few days ago Weinmann made a flight over practically the same course with two passengers.

Plague Forces Close of Legation.

London.—A special dispatch from Peking says that because of the plague the diplomatic board has closed the legation quarter. The Chinese occupants, it is expected, will close the European quarter also.

DOINGS OF OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE

Salem, Ore., Jan. 21.—An anti-trust law, which is intended to hit all combinations in restraint of trade, was introduced in the senate yesterday by Joseph of Multnomah and may loom as one of the large measures of the session. It has been carefully drawn, being on the lines of the California law, which has been an effective instrument in suppressing combinations of retailers in that state.

Ice trusts, grocers' combinations, plumbing combines and other similar organizations have been sent to cover by the California law. The law covers all combinations having for their object the stifling of competition. Venders of drugs and nostrums will be hard hit if a bill presented by Barrett of Washington in the senate is passed. Thursday he introduced a bill which will make the license easy for country peddlers. The drug vender bill, which was introduced by request, goes to the other extreme, imposing the prohibitory fee of \$100 per month.

Barrett also introduced a bill to legalize the making of deposits of the state school fund in banks. This is understood to be favored by the state treasurer.

Calkins of Lane introduced a bill making the saloonman responsible in damages to the wife or other near relative through sale of liquor to an habitual drunkard.

A bill by Malarkey, establishing a state board for examination of candidates for the bar, was indefinitely postponed.

Malarkey's bill removing the five day limit allowed to a purchaser to record a conveyance was passed by 17 to 8 after a debate in which the lawyers disagreed. Malarkey contended that this would enable a purchaser to know his title was good when he bought, as the conveyance first recorded would be the one recognized. Abraham, Joseph and Nottingham opposed these views, while Sinnott, Barrett of Washington and Calkins agreed with them.

To remove the stigma of the name "reform school," the senate passed Wood's bill changing the name to the state training school.

A communication was read from Senator Chamberlain, calling attention to the employment of W. P. Lord to assist the attorney-general in the Warner Valley Stock company case during Chamberlain's term as governor and recommending that an appropriation be made to pay him for his work.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—Representative Clyde today introduced a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment restoring the \$300 personal tax exemption.

The house has adopted Neuner's memorial urging Oregon's delegation in Congress to work for an appropriation of \$250,000 for a Federal building at Roseburg.

Bigelow has introduced in the house a resolution instructing the game committee to communicate with the legislatures of California and Washington with a view to securing uniform legislation by the three states regulating the shooting of ducks and other water fowl.

The house today indefinitely postponed Cole's bill authorizing the publication of the Oregon Supreme Court reports by George W. Bates & Co.

Rather than allow her sterilization bill, as vetoed, run the gauntlet of a two-thirds majority, or see it declared dead as the possibility has been suggested, Dr. Owens-Adair requested Senator Albee to reintroduce it at this session, and the bill came into the senate today, labeled as Senate Bill No. 90. This is the identical measure with that introduced and passed at the last session relating to taking steps for restraining the propagation of criminal insanity, imbeciles and idiots.

Further game bills were introduced by Senator Merriam today. One of these limits the shooting of wild ducks to 25 in a week and the other limits the killing of deer to three in a season and the shooting of none during night-time.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 19.—One bill was passed by the state senate this morning. It was senate bill 28, by Oliver, simplifying the proof of official documents from consular offices in the courts.

Chase's bill for sale of tide lands within an organized port to port commissions at a nominal price, there being now no manner in which unappropriated lands may be acquired from the state land board, was sent back to committee on amendment. It will be amended by suggestion of Bean to exempt lands already applied for by others.

Von der Hellen, of Jackson, introduced a bill amending the law against railroad rebates, use of false weights or such classifications of commodities as will charge one shipper more than another. The object is to insure cheap transportation for limestone rock, said to be suitable for cement making, of which large deposits exist in Jackson county. It is stated \$500,000 is all ready to be invested in the industry.

Two of the good roads bills formulated by the Good Roads association found their way into the senate yesterday. Barrett, of Umatilla, presented the bill which enables counties

to issue bonds for road building, and Carson a bill for working city and county prisoners on the highways.

Rotation of names on the primary ballot is provided in a bill presented by the judiciary committee as a substitute for Sinnott's bill on the same line. About the only change is extension of the area to all county and district offices. It requires that whatever the number of candidates for any particular office, the name of each candidate shall appear at the name of any other candidate.

Two bills were passed by the house this morning. The first came from the Douglas county delegation and is designed to protect and prevent the pollution of the waters of the Umpqua river.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 18.—Representative Neuner's standing among the school children of the state will depreciate about 100 per cent if the bill he introduced in the house today becomes a law. The measure proposes to abolish all school holidays. In this it does not even except Washington's birthday or Arbor day. It provides, however, that on these two days exercises appropriate to the occasion shall be held in the schools.

Provision is made that general election or primary day, where the teacher is a legal voter, school may be closed at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon to enable the teacher to vote.

In a resolution in the house today, Mahoney, of Morrow, proposes that no bill carrying an appropriation shall be introduced in the legislature subsequent to February 7.

Chairman Malarkey, of the senate judiciary committee, says that a substitute bill, if passed, probably will be reported for Patton's bill to abolish capital punishment. The substitute bill will abolish capital punishment, but will carry an added clause providing for a restriction of the pardoning power. Under the proposed plan the question of pardons will be placed largely with the Supreme Court, although the Governor will still sign the pardons.

Whenever new evidence is found, attorneys for the one desiring the pardon will present it to the Supreme Court and that tribunal will pass upon it and hand down an opinion.

The Governor will be unable to sign the pardon unless it is sanctioned by an opinion of the court.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17.—Frank Klerman and his fellow obstructionists of the Broadway bridge were given a jolt by the lawmakers today when the 30 state senators, by a unanimous vote, suspended the rules and passed the bill which gives legislative sanction for building the bridge and validates the bonds.

Action taken by the house this morning for the investigation of the office of State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. W. Bailey may lead to the impeachment of that official and his removal from office. The sentiment of the house was plainly shown this morning in the adoption of the resolution providing for the inquiry without a dissenting voice.

The resolution was introduced last week by Abrams of Marion. It included a clause for the investigation of the master fish warden and for the state board of health, because they are located in Portland. In the resolution committee the proposal was amended so as to exclude investigation of these two offices, the members unanimously declaring there was no call for such inquiries.

Some of the Multnomah representatives came a clause in the convict roads bill which they believe is to deprive Sheriff Stevens of Multnomah of some of the profits of his office, and there is a strong fight ahead for the proposed measure unless it is altered. The bill was drawn by Judge Lionel R. Webster.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 16.—Under the terms of a resolution adopted in the senate this afternoon and sent to the house, Governor West is called upon to make a request of the government to send the cruiser Boston to Oregon to be used as a training ship for the naval reserve.

Joseph introduced the resolution. He said that the ship was in readiness, as advice by telegraph indicated, but complications had arisen owing to the fact that the governor had not made request upon the federal authorities for the use of the vessel. Sinnott, Barrett of Washington and D'Amick all asked questions as to whether the legislature would be obligated to pass an appropriation bill if the resolution were adopted.

To secure uniform laws in conjunction with the state of Washington relative to fishing on the Columbia river is the object of a resolution introduced in the senate by Lester this afternoon. His resolution asks for the appointment of a committee of two from the house and three from the senate to confer with a similar committee from the Washington legislature in reference to these laws. The committee is empowered to hire a stenographer and is allowed no compensation but is given traveling expenses and railroad fare. This resolution is in committee.

Enthusiasm for Butteville Bridge.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17.—Will E. Purdy, president of the Tri-County Push club, which is working for a bill to enable the counties of Clackamas, Yamhill and Marion to build a bridge at Butteville over the Willamette, is here in the interest of the measure, which will be introduced the latter part of the week. The club has enlisted 107 members at Newberg, who are enthusiastically behind the project.

BOILER EXPLODES; EIGHT DEAD.

Battleship Delaware Is Scene of Frightful Disaster.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Eight men were killed and one seriously injured by a boiler explosion aboard the battleship Delaware, according to a report just received here. A wireless to the navy department states that the men were all scalded to death by steam following the explosion; that they were imprisoned in the boiler room without a chance for escape. Those killed in the explosion were: Charles Hart, first class fireman. Columbus Porter, first class fireman. William White, second class fireman. Herbert Brewer, second class fireman. Lewis White, coal passer. Clarence Dewitt, coal passer. Christian Jensen, water tender. Unidentified man. Eugene Phillips, a first class fireman was badly injured.

Captain Gove of the Delaware sent the following wireless to the navy department this afternoon: "I request that a tug meet the Delaware at Hampton Roads immediately on this ship's arrival there, with all preparations made for the transportation of the dead and the one injured man. I shall forward details of the explosion by telegraph upon arrival at Hampton Roads."

GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS.

Captain Phones Up All Are Well and Plenty of Air.

Kiel, Germany.—The German submarine "U-3" went to the bottom of the sea during a practice maneuver. Divers from her parent ship, one of the largest battleships of the North Sea fleet, immediately began the endeavor to loop chains about the sunken boat. The full crew was aboard when the submarine went down.

As soon as the boat settled the crew detached the newly invented telephone arrangement, which immediately came to the surface, where it was picked up by a small boat from the warship. The officer commanding the submarine phoned up that the boat was all right and that the crew had plenty of air. He stated that the machinery had been disabled and that the submarine probably would have to be lifted with chains. There is air in the tanks sufficient to supply the men for several hours.

Word was sent ashore this evening that the Fulcan, one of the large ships of the fleet, had succeeded in getting chains under the sunken submarine, and that her rescue was assured. The trouble was caused by an accident to the water bunkers, which filled unexpectedly.

WOULD PURIFY NEW JERSEY.

Governor of State Warns Against Fostering Trusts.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 17.—Demand that New Jersey cease to be known as the "mother of trusts," through an amendment to the state's corporation law, was one of the striking features of the inaugural address of Governor Woodrow Wilson, delivered here to the incoming legislature.

"We are too free," he said, "with grants and charters to corporations, and I urge upon you as an imperative obligation that you immediately effect a change in the law which will prevent abuse of the incorporation privilege which has brought discredit on the state. It is necessary that you restrict and regulate the issue of securities, enforce the regulations regarding bona fide capital and provide methods whereby the public will be safeguarded from fraud, deception and extortion."

Governor Wilson also urged that a public service commission be empowered to fix and regulate the rates of all public service corporations and strongly advocated the Oregon laws, ballot reform and corrupt practices acts.

Czarina Is Near Death.

St. Petersburg.—Confirmation of reports that the czarina is again in a critical condition was obtained yesterday from attaches of the palace. Her majesty's recent trip to Bad Nauheim brought only temporary relief and her nervous disorder and melancholia returned simultaneously with her return to the palace. It is feared that the empress has not long to live. She is hysterical much of the time, her condition amounting almost to insanity whenever the czarvitch is not in her sight.

Twenty-Six Anarchists Sentenced.

Tokio.—Twenty-five men and one woman charged with conspiracy against the throne and with plotting to assassinate the Crown Prince, were publicly sentenced by the Supreme Court. Twenty-four of the prisoners, including Denjiro Kotoku, who lived in America, and his wife, were condemned to death. The other two were sent to prison, one for 11 years and the other for eight years.

China Lets Warship Contract.

Philadelphia.—The New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J., confirms reports that it has received a contract for the building of a cruiser for the Chinese government. The vessel will be about 12,600 tons and will cost considerably more than \$1,000,000. The armor and guns will be supplied by the Bethlehem Steel Company.

On the Square With Laborers.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 17.—In advertising for laborers to take the places of men on strike or locked out it will be necessary to state such fact in the "ad," according to a bill presented to the assembly today.

REBEL SHIP TAKEN

Cruiser Tacoma Puts Forces on Revolutionary Craft.

President Bonilla Gives Americans Free Rein in Preventing Bombardment of Ports.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The report that the Hornet, General Bonilla's revolutionary gunboat, which has been promoting his cause along the coast of Honduras, has been boarded by a force from the American gunboat Tacoma was confirmed in a wireless dispatch received by the navy department today from Commander Cooper of the United States steamship Marietta.

The dispatch merely said it had been found necessary to place a force on board to detain the Hornet, and added that details would be reported later. The state department is awaiting information to determine its future course.

The attorney-general is investigating whether the Hornet has violated the neutrality laws of the United States, and pending the result the state department has announced that the vessel would not be permitted to commit any act of hostility against Honduras.

The action of Commander Davis, of the Tacoma, in boarding the Hornet, it is assumed here, was based on an intention of the revolutionists to strike a telling blow. The naval officers in Honduran waters were given considerable latitude in carrying out their instructions to prevent an assault by the Hornet.

The Hornet sailed from New Orleans, ostensibly for Cape Gracias, on the northeastern coast of Nicaragua, it has not been established where the vessel received her runners.

The Hornet was immediately transferred from American to Honduran registry and raised the Honduran flag, but the Honduran papers were issued by the Bonilla appointees. The validity of these papers is one of the questions being looked into. Officials here generally regard them as irregular.

RAISE IN TARIFFS URGED.

Railroad Official Says Rates Not Increased on Par With Prices.

Worcester, Mass.—Unless the railroads of the country charge higher rates for carrying freight, wages will have to be cut, according to arguments put forth by speakers at the meeting of the New England members of the American Railroad Employers' and Investors' Association here.

"For 25 years," said P. H. Morrissey, president of the association, "the changes in class rates have been very slight, while the value of almost every commodity has increased. The railroads have found it necessary again and again to increase wages."

"Now they are making a moderate advance in some rates but the advance is so small in comparison with the value of the commodities as to be almost impossible for computation by the ultimate consumer. If the railroads are not allowed to raise their freight rates, it will be felt in other ways."

WAR OVER CRETE IS THREAT.

New York Greeks Ask Taft to Help Keep Isle From Turkey.

New York.—That an effort on the part of the Ottoman Empire to coerce the Cretans would result in another revolution was the sentiment voiced at a mass meeting of the Greek colony.

The meeting was convoked by the Pan-Hellenic Union, representing 8000 Greeks in the vicinity of New York, to protest against the alleged intention of European powers to hand over the island of Crete to Turkey.

The meeting adopted resolutions calling upon President Taft and Congress to oppose an effort to subject the Cretans to Turkish sovereignty and asked that the President remind the powers that the interests of peace demand that Crete be incorporated with the Kingdom of Greece.

Bubonic Plague Spreads.

Peking.—A number of deaths from bubonic plague have occurred in this city since the first death from the disease here was reported Saturday. The legation staffs are quarantining themselves within their own walls, having been unable to agree on general measures for the entire legation.

Advices from Chefoo state that the epidemic has been carried across the Gulf of Pechili in junks and that there are grave fears that it will extend throughout Northern China and Corea.

New Shipping Law Prohibitive.

London.—Asserting that owners of British ships will be unable to send their vessels to sea in time of war if parliament ratifies the "declaration of London," an agreement adopted two years ago by the chief naval powers governing war prizes, Lloyd's came out in opposition to sanctioning the plan. Lloyd's asserts that if the declaration is finally confirmed and accepted the war risk on merchantmen will be prohibitive.

Refugees Flee From Harbin.

Kalam Cheng Tze, China.—Plague refugees from Harbin are arriving here in great numbers. The fatalities increase daily. The Japanese are erecting plague camps capable of containing 4000.