

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Russian Socialists are to hold a convention in England.

Nine lives are reported lost in the tornado which swept Texas.

Union teamsters of Los Angeles are on strike and all other organizations of the city may join them.

The Imperial council of Mystic Shriners is in session at Los Angeles. Seattle is working for the next convocation.

A new Irish home rule bill has been introduced in parliament. Absolute control of eight departments is granted by the bill.

A San Francisco maniac killed six people with a shotgun. He declares they were trying to poison him for his insurance.

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ONE DEAD, THIRTEEN HURT.

San Francisco Scene of Bloody Conflict Over Car Strikers.

San Francisco, May 8.—Rioting by streetcar strikers and their friends and repeated fusillades of bullets from strikebreakers yesterday marked the first attempt to run cars on the United Railroads since the strike began. The movement of a freight car from one barn was the signal for obstruction of the track by a mob and for a shower of missiles aimed at those who operated the car. After running only half a block the car was taken back to the barn.

Having thus made a test, the company at 2:30 p. m. sent a string of seven passenger cars out of the Turk and Fillmore street barns, manned by armed strike breakers. Their appearance was the signal for renewed rioting. Brickbats, paving stones and all manner of missiles were hurled at the cars by a pursuing mob of several thousand.

One of the guards on the cars retaliated with a shot, which hit its mark. The assault on the cars became more furious and the guards retaliated with several fusillades, which caused the death of one man, wounded one fatally and 12 less seriously. After running a few blocks the cars were returned to the barn and the attempt to operate the lines was abandoned for the day.

Union pickets went among the mob, imploring them not to throw stones. They were jeered by union men and sympathizers. The police with one exception did not even draw their clubs.

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That the many bloody events of yesterday may be repeated with even more tragic results was the fear expressed last night when it was made known that the United Railroads' program for today includes another attempt to resume the operation of its system. This attempt, according to General Manager Mulhally, will be made some time in the forenoon. He declined to state at what hour or to discuss the company's plans in this respect.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

CROP OUTLOOK GOOD.

Fall and Spring Wheat in Harney Area in Excellent Condition.

Burns—Prospects are good for the largest crop of grain, grown from the Harney country. There is more acreage in grain than ever before. Both fall and spring wheat are receiving attention from the farmers, who desire to see which is the most productive, some of the farmers contending fall grain does not do well here. So far, however, it has been a success.

The vernal land cultivated for the first time last year will produce good crops if farmers will cultivate the soil as they do in other successful agricultural countries.

The native grass is better than for several years, and there will be plenty of feed for the stock this summer. The hay crop will be larger than last year, and with the fodder left over from last winter insures plenty of feed for the coming winter.

Fruit trees are in a healthy condition, and at present there is good prospect for a large crop of fruit. Last fall several collections of fruit were sent out of this county to show what could be produced here, and all was pronounced of first class quality.

FACTORY INSPECTOR NAMED

C. H. Gram, of Portland, Will Work in First District.

Salem—Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff has announced the appointment of C. H. Gram, of Portland, as the first district inspector of workshops, factories, etc., for the first district, and Walter H. Chance, of Albany, foreman of a bridge crew on the Southern Pacific, deputy inspector for the second district. Their appointments take effect May 25, but do not assume their duties until June 1. Their compensation is \$4 per day for actual time employed and necessary expenses. Another deputy will be appointed for the Third district, all that territory lying east of the Cascade mountains, who will probably be a man from Baker City.

Salem—The rudiments of horticulture in the rural school, to be taught as a branch or side line from the regular studies, and to occupy the same importance to the country school as manual training does to the city schools, is the innovation that President W. K. Newell, of the state board of horticulture, is striving to introduce into the public school system of the state. At every opportunity he is acquainting the patrons of the different districts with the practicality of and advantages to be gained from his theory. Teachers' institutes in the valley give him special opportunity.

Salem—As yet no response has been received by the Oregon Railroad commission from the officials of the Southern Pacific company to its opinion declaring the \$5 tariff per ton of 2,000 pounds upon rough, green lumber excessive, discriminatory and violative of the orders, rules and regulations of the Interstate Commerce laws, and requesting that the old rate of \$3.10 per ton be restored. Chairman Campbell says that the commission will allow the railroad officials a reasonable time in which to make reply to the opinion.

Salem—In an opinion given in answer to a query from Assessor Lutz, of Lincoln county, Attorney General Crawford says that under the provisions of the act of congress of 1887, making the Siletz Indian allotment, the lands are held in trust for the Indians by the general government for 25 years from the date of the act, during which time the Indian only holds an equitable title to the land, and that it will not be subject to taxation until patent passes.

Hamilton Invests in Wasco. La Grande—W. R. Hamilton, of this city, recently made extensive business investments in Wasco, Sherman county, purchasing a large store and stock of general merchandise, flouring mill, residence property and an interest in the local bank of Wasco. Two of Mr. Hamilton's sons, Fred and Chester, have gone to Wasco to assist in handling the business.

Big Cheese Factory for Lorane. Lorane—The cheese factory to be started during May by E. H. Crow will be an important industry to this community and county. The milk of about 200 cows will be used, which will bring a return of from \$1,200 to \$2,000 a month to the owners. For the present, the products of the factory will be handled through the local merchants.

Baker Plans to Celebrate. Baker City—Plans are now well under way for one of the largest Fourth of July celebrations ever held in this city. Committees have been appointed by all of the local department leagues and they will soon meet to perfect plans for the great event. "That something new shall be the order of the day seems the desire of each member of the committee.

Would Continue Drain Normal. Salem—Governor Chamberlain, upon his return from a meeting of the board of regents of the Drain Normal school, says it was the sense of the board that the school be continued during the balance of the term and that the expense of running up to July 1 would be met by public subscription and depend upon the next legislature to meet the deficiency.

Prepare for Sans Fourth. Eugene—The city council has just passed an ordinance, which prohibits the use of firecrackers of a greater length than four inches, or of any weight of a greater weight than six ounces, and all dynamite cases of any size, within the city limits. The penalty for violation is fixed from \$1 to \$10.

WATER IN PLENTY.

Large Irrigated Tract in Baker County Thrown Open.

Baker City—The placing upon the market of a large tract of land lying northeast of this city and owned by the Baker Irrigation company, marks one of the greatest steps in the progress of the metropolis of Eastern Oregon. The opening of this body of land to purchasers is an event that has been awaited with interest by a large number of homeseekers of Baker City and vicinity, who have been watching the progress of the irrigation ditch since work commenced on it about 18 months ago.

The canal heads in the Powder river about eight miles south of Baker City, and after following the tortuous contour of the valley and the hillside for a distance of 12 miles, reaches the reservoir site, one mile east of this city. Along a good portion of the mountain side above South Raper the canal has, at great expense, been cut into the solid rock, thus obviating the use of the cheaper but temporary wooden flume. The company has not spared any expense to provide against any accident that would deprive it of the water at the critical period of irrigation work, and at one point near Sutton creek a long line of flume has been dispensed with by making an immense fill of earth.

Must Reclaim Land. State Land Board Will Press Columbia Southern Work.

Salem—Unless the new management of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company, of which Walter H. Moore and W. H. Lytle, of Portland, are at the head and principal financiers, appears before the State Land board and makes a satisfactory showing of good faith and intentions toward the fulfillment of the contract between the state and the company, which is being held in abeyance pending the fulfillment of the promises of the new management to make good the deficiencies of the old, proceedings will be instituted in court and the company vigorously prosecuted to relieve the company of its obligation and make room for other capital to complete the project.

Rich Strike in Badger Lode. Medford—President Green, of the Badger Gold & Copper company, reports a strike in the Badger lode, which promises to make that one of the best mining enterprises in this section. The ore body encountered in the crosscut at a depth of 30 feet from the main cut is between 40 and 50 feet in width, and from random assays taken runs high in copper and more than \$250 in gold to the ton. The Badger is an old mine but has not been extensively worked until acquired by the corporation now operating it.

Frost Does Little Damage. Eugene—Frosts have occurred in this vicinity for the past several nights, but as far as known very little damage has been done to the fruit. County Fruit Inspector Beebe says that strawberries on the bottom lands have been nipped, but those on higher ground and most other fruits have escaped. In other parts of the county prunes have been injured, but not generally. The peach crop seems to be in excellent condition and promises well.

Linn County Bridge Sinking. Albany—Weakened by the winter floods, the Kendall bridge, which spans the Calapooia river on the road from Albany to Shedd, has begun to sink into the stream, and traffic over it is now endangered. One end of the structure has sunk a foot in the past few days and the bridge is also keeling over. More travel crosses the Kendall bridge than any other country bridge in the county. It is 92 feet long.

Portland Markets. Wheat—Club, 78c; bluestem, 80c; valley, 77c; red, 76c. Oats—No. 1 white, \$29; gray \$28@29. Rye—\$1.45@1.50 per cwt. Barley—40c, \$22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23; rolled, \$23.50@24.50. Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, 42c per ton. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$15@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18@19; clover, 9c; chest, 9c; grain hay, \$9@10. Fruits—Strawberries, Oregon, 25c per pound; apples, \$1@2.50 per box. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; cauliflower, \$1@1.25 per dozen; lettuce, head, 35c@40c per dozen; radishes, 20c per dozen; asparagus, 12@13c per pound; rhubarb, 3@3.5c per pound. Onions—Oregon, \$2.50@3 per hundred. Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.85@2 per sack; new potatoes, 8c per sack; sweet potatoes, 6c per pound. Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22.5c per pound. Butter Fat—First grade cream, 21c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound. Poultry—Average old hens, 15@16c per pound; mixed chickens, 15@15.5c; spring fryers and broilers, 22@22.5c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, live, 13@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, live, 8c; young ducks nominal, old ducks, 16@18c. Eggs—18c per dozen. Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2@6 1/2c per pound. Beef—Dressed, 5 1/2@6 1/2c per pound; cows, 5 1/2@6 1/2c; country steers, 5 1/2@7 1/2c. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 6@9c; spring lambs, with pelts, 10@10 1/2c. Pork—Dressed, 6@9c per pound. Hops—6@9c per pound, according to quality. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 15@16c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@21c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30c per pound.

FIXTURES BY THE POUND.

Keystone State Capitol Grafter Must Face Criminal Charges.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 7.—Civil and criminal suits will be brought by Attorney General Todd against those responsible for the state capitol scandal. A complete list of the defendants will not be known until the inquiry is completed. The commission will hold no more public sessions until after the legislature adjourns on May 16.

As the commission cannot finish its work in time to report to the present legislature, as provided in the resolution creating that body, the investigators will send a report to the general assembly which will simply be an announcement that the inquiry is incomplete and a request that its time be extended indefinitely, and that it be authorized to make its report to Governor Stuart when ready.

The suits will be based on the testimony showing that the contractor collected from the state for 752 thermostats and installed only 363, and on the substitution of domestic for baccarat glass and an inferior glass for Tiffany favrite. The testimony also shows that while the more elaborate of the \$2,000 worth of lighting fixtures was to be mercurial gold, the bulk of those installed were merely lacquered, the latter process costing one-tenth the price of the former. All these fixtures were supplied to the state at a cost of \$4.85 "per pound."

GRAFT IN KANSAS CITY. Investigation to Begin, Conducted by Governor Folk.

Kansas City, Mo., May 7.—Tomorrow morning the board of police commissioners will begin their promised investigation of charges of police corruption. The probable advent in Kansas City within the next week or so of Governor Folk, who has practically said he would come here and take a hand personally in the investigation, gives promise of sensational disclosures.

For a long time allegations have been made that graft was commonly practiced. It has been charged that it extended all the way from the protection of petty criminals to the covering up—for a consideration—of the graver crimes of murders, and dangerous crooks shielded, and appointments made at the behest of certain factions to pay political debts.

Chief of Police Hayes has repeatedly said that he has no objection to an investigation of his department, and he has offered to give the governor and the police commissioners all aid at his command.

READY FOR TRIAL. Lawyers, Witnesses and Reporters Occupy All Available Rooms.

Boise, Ida., May 7.—Practically every available room in Boise, the capital city of Idaho, has been reserved for lawyers, witnesses, or newspaper men in attendance to the court which will try William Haywood on the charge of the murder of former governor Frank Steuneger. While there is little or no public discussion of the case, the undercurrent of interest runs strong, and every incoming train brings additions to the very large number of people connected with the case who are already on the ground.

That there might be some delay has been dispelled by statements emanating from both sides. Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, and E. F. Richardson, of Denver, jointly leading counsel for the defense of Haywood, have both stated that they are ready for trial. Counsel for the prosecution, James H. Hawley, and Senator W. E. Borah, who have been engaged specially, are of the opinion that there will be no further delay.

Peace for South America. New York, May 7.—The Tribune says: Andrew Carnegie, leading exponent of the peace propaganda in this country, thinks he has solved the long standing problem of bringing permanent peace to the combative republics of Latin America. Mr. Carnegie has appointed Diemo Mendoza, ex-minister of Colombia at Washington, to visit the republics on a peace mission. He will be accompanied by Professor W. S. Shephard, of Columbia university. Senator Mendoza, it is said, will receive a salary of \$20,000 a year and expenses.

Took Toll From Police. Chicago, May 7.—That the city of Chicago has for years been violating the civil service law was brought to the light by the investigation of the police department, which resulted yesterday in indictments being returned against four city officers and two detectives under Mayor Dunne's administration. The investigation began ten days ago, following charges made during the recent majority campaign that ex-Chief of Police Collins had used his department to further the interests of Dunne by receiving money from the police.

Linemen May Also Go Out. San Francisco, May 7.—The linemen of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company held a meeting yesterday and were in conference with committee from the labor council and from the striking telephone girls on the question of declaring a sympathetic strike in support of the latter. No decision was arrived at so far as can be learned, and another meeting will be held today. There was practically no change in the strike today.

President's Words Denounced. Mobile, Ala., May 7.—The Socialists of this city and surrounding places held a largely attended meeting at Fairhope, a single tax colony, today. The president's statement as to the undesirability of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were denounced.

Los Angeles Fears Strike. Los Angeles, May 7.—Prospects for a local teamsters strike which last night appeared encouraging have suddenly taken a turn in the opposite direction and there is a possibility of a serious strike in the immediate future with many other branches of labor involved.

CONFLICT IS FEARED

Violence Seems Certain in San Francisco Labor War.

MILITARY FORCES ARE PREPARED

United Railways May Muddle Under Eagle's Wing by Asking for Federal Injunction.

San Francisco, May 7.—An air of nervous expectancy hangs over the city of San Francisco. It is such a quiet suppressed sentiment as beset a speaker serious with a gravity born of uncertainty. The United Railroads propose to resume the operation of its lines with non-union men. Two thousand union men are on strike, and while neither side will discuss the possibility of violence, the situation has been carefully canvassed by the police, the militia and the officers of the regular army.

There is a settled feeling in the city that the cars cannot be operated without violence of some sort. Whoever the subject was discussed, the opinion was expressed that trouble was inevitable. While still hoping that no outbreak will attend the running of the cars, the authorities have made preparations for any emergency. General Funston arrived last night and assumed command of the department of California. The militia armories are being guarded and the police force has been given emergency orders.

The situation is complicated by the telephone strike and the vast industrial army made idle by the ironworkers' strike. Among the unions the feeling prevails that the defeat of the carmen would be the heaviest blow the unions could receive.

Reports are current that, if trouble attends the attempt of Mat Calhoun to run the cars, he will force the issue up on the government, either through request for a receiver or through injunction proceedings in the Federal court.

PREDICTS COAL FAMINE. Union Pacific Official Says Road Will Sell No More Coal.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 7.—"I look for a greater coal famine next year than ever before, and the Union Pacific, which has always taken care of the people along its line, will no longer be able to do so on account of the Hepburn bill," is a statement attributed to W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific railroad, by the Wyoming Tribune today.

"The small dealers," Mr. Park is further reported to have said, "have in a way depended upon the railroad for the supply of coal to help them out, and unless they store their own coal during the coming summer, they will face a famine in the winter. Coal consumers along other lines where a similar arrangement has been maintained by coal-carrying roads will meet the same emergency. The Union Pacific will store coal as usual this summer, but will have none to sell."

TORNADO WASTES PRAIRIE. Wrecks Villages and Kills People in Northern Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 7.—A storm of wind and rain, which was general throughout a considerable area in Northern Texas and which at some places assumed the proportions of a tornado, according to meager reports received here tonight, has resulted in the loss of at least three lives, the injury of many other persons and great damage to property and crops.

Several villages were wiped out, but because of the prostration of both telegraph and telephone wires details are almost impossible to obtain. At Deport, one of the largest villages in Lamar county, 20 miles from Paris, the storm passed northeast, cutting a path about 200 yards wide.

Record Trip Around Horn. Los Angeles, May 7.—A special to the Herald from San Diego says that the steamer President, one of the vessels afloat, now engaged in an effort to break the existing record for a voyage around Cape Horn, is reported to have passed San Diego yesterday afternoon. The message was received by wireless telegraph and stated that the President, which left Philadelphia March 23, would arrive at San Francisco tonight or Wednesday morning. If the estimate is correct the President will make the trip in 46 days.

Forest Land Reopened. Helena, Mont., May 7.—Notice of the release of thousands of acres of Montana lands, which were withdrawn some weeks ago for national forest purposes, was received today at the Helena land office from Commissioner of the General Land Office Ballinger. Notice was received stating that "for lack of funds all hearings set for dates later than May 25, except at Carson City, Nevada, and cases in California and Los Angeles, set for May 27," are postponed. This will tie up a good many tracts of land in this district.

Shots Fired in Labor Riots. Coonesville, Pa., May 7.—Benjamin Carter, a negro strike breaker, was stabbed in the back, two negroes were arrested for carrying firearms, and patrolmen and members of the state constabulary were fired upon tonight during a riot between white men and negro strikebreakers at the plant of the Bigg Iron & Steel company. The mills have been closed since April 13 until a few days ago, when several carloads of negroes were imported from Pittsburgh.

Relations Not Severed. Mexico City, May 7.—Diplomatic relations between Mexico and Guatemala have not been severed. Tonight the sub-secretary of foreign affairs, Jose Alegria, emphatically denied the report that the Guatemalans had been effecting that Minister Gamba had been recalled.

SUBMITS TO NEW LAW.

Harriman Annuls Long Contract With Clark Railroad.

Washington, May 6.—Official information reached the Interstate Commerce commission today of the cancellation of a traffic agreement entered into June 18, 1903, between the Southern Pacific and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad companies.

In the opinion of the commission the abrogation of the agreement is of the highest importance. The facts concerning it were developed at the recent inquiry into the relations of the Southern Pacific with other corporations. It was the opinion of several Interstate Commerce commissioners that the agreement was in restraint of trade and might subject the officials who entered into it to a prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust act.

Notification of the abrogation of the agreement was received in a letter from R. S. Lovett, of New York, general counsel of the Southern Pacific company. Mr. Lovett assigns as the reason for the action the enactment by the California legislature of a law which prohibits contracts restricting competition.

The agreement binds the Salt Lake road not to change rates within 99 years without the consent of the Southern Pacific. It came out at the inquiry that the agreement extends beyond California and limits the Salt Lake road to build no extensions north of Salt Lake parallel.

MONEY IS TRACED. Witness Saw United Railroads Official Pay Gold to Ruff.

San Francisco, May 6.—Sensational testimony was given before the grand jury today by United States treasury officials, which laid bare the details of the bribery of Abe Ruff, Mayor Schmitz and the members of the board of supervisors by the United Railroads. Through the testimony of Superintendent Leach of the mint, Assistant Treasurer Julius Jacobs, of the San Francisco sub-treasury, and others, \$225,000 of booty was traced from the hands of the United Railroads to the city officials. Several officials of the United Railroads were also called as witnesses, but invoked their constitutional right and refused to testify.

One of the most startling pieces of testimony was that of Mr. Leach, who told the grand jury that he personally had seen Thorne Mully, assistant to the president of the United Railroads, pay \$5,000 to Ruff. This was only the beginning. Other witnesses completed the chain of evidence, which, it is predicted, will result in the indictment of some of the most prominent officials of the local traction trust.