

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.

Federal troops at Goldfield will be reduced to two companies.

Secretary Taft advocates free trade with the Philippines in sugar and tobacco.

Ambassador Aoki has started for Japan, confident of settling the immigration question.

The government has replied to the Standard Oil company, saying that its fine of \$29,240,000 is perfectly just.

All indictments against Colorado coal land grabbers have been quashed. The court could find no law applicable.

New York mothers have declared war on the nerve-racking initiations of the societies of private and public schools maintained by girls.

George Edward Adams, who stole about \$60,000 from miners while in the Seattle assay office, will leave prison within a quarter of a million.

In a speech by Secretary Taft it was declared that the money panic was due mainly to dishonest finance. He also said socialism will come if a moneyed oligarchy grows up.

Roosevelt predicts Taft's nomination on the first ballot.

A blanket of snow covers the Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska.

Lord Curzon has been persuaded to re-enter English politics.

An eminent French doctor says Kaiser William has gonorrhea.

English are protesting against slavery in the Portuguese colonies.

Kansas City theaters have given up the fight against Sunday closing.

Nearly \$1,000,000 more graft by the Schmitz gang has been discovered.

North Carolina has again refused to pay the bonds issued during the reconstruction days.

There is a monster shipment of war material on the San Francisco docks billed for Manila.

The San Francisco health board has appealed to the people to continue the extermination of rats.

Roosevelt has allowed troops to remain in Goldfield on the promise of Governor Sparks to call a special session of the legislature.

New York is overrun by hundreds of unemployed.

The twenty-fourth Japanese diet has just convened.

LADD WILL PAY.

Agrees to Meet Account of Busted Bank in Three Years.

Portland, Jan. 1.—W. M. Ladd has agreed to take over the assets of the Ross bank and pay all its deposits within three years.

Details of the plan were arranged yesterday in a conference between a committee of depositors, agents of Mr. Ladd, John Manning, district attorney, and W. C. Bristol, special counsel for the state, and for the American Surety company.

Mr. Ladd will not be prosecuted, but officers of the bank, Mr. Manning says, will be indicted next Monday.

Investigations of the smashed bank's accounts will be continued, in order to gather evidence for prosecution. Officers involved are J. Thorburn Ross, George H. Hill, T. T. Burkhardt, J. E. Aitken and F. M. Warren.

Experts continue to dig up sensations in the bank's accounts, and to confirm the knowledge that its dealings were the most scandalous Portland has ever seen.

Committee of depositors will insist on payment of interest by Mr. Ladd until claims are fully met.

Whether the receivership will be continued has not been decided, but if it shall be, C. E. Mears may be superseded by a receiver of Mr. Ladd's selection.

Mr. Ladd will succeed to whatever claims the bank may hold against the \$202,000 property of Ross.

The bank continually ran behind in its earnings, but Ross had a happy faculty of marking up assets with "enhanced value" to make up the deficiency, and entered it in a mysterious account called "suspense earnings," which is full of puzzles for the experts.

UPPER HAND OF PLAGUE.

Dying Out in San Francisco—Seven Cases in December.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—With only seven cases of bubonic plague reported during the month of December and but three cases remaining under treatment at the isolation hospital, the plague in San Francisco is almost eradicated.

More than \$600,000 has been expended in the sanitary campaign, of which the Federal government is paying three-fourths. It is estimated that approximately 130,000 rats have been destroyed during the past four months.

Forty-two rats were brought to the laboratory of the health department. Of this number, 11,391 were examined by bacteriologists for plague and 106 found to be infected.

"The situation is greatly improved," said Dr. Blue today, "despite the apathetic attitude of the people of San Francisco, some of whom have been inclined to hostility toward us for the work that we are doing for their benefit."

The total number of cases reported to date is 136; deaths 73; cured 60; remaining under treatment 3; suspected cases 18.

RUSSIA GIVING UP ALL HOPE

Japan Slowly Strangling Foreign Investors in Manchuria.

Peking, Jan. 1.—Ivan Shipoff, agent of the Russian financial ministry, has concluded a three-months investigation of the serious conditions which confront the China Eastern railway, and as a result he has recommended that expenditures be reduced in every direction possible. This action is construed here as a reflection of the hopelessness of Russia's position in Manchuria.

The railroad was isolated during the Russo-Japanese war and Japan's policy since then has practically strangled it. It is believed that the deficit of the Chinese Eastern railway for 1908 will amount to \$15,000,000. Traffic over the line is declining, particularly at Harbin.

Japan has forbidden China to extend the Hsin Min Tun railroad in the direction of Tientsin. This step has aroused exasperation among the Englishmen who have capital invested in the line, and it is characterized as another evidence of the monopolistic attitude of Japan in Manchuria.

Protest From Iroquois Survivors.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Continued use of the site of the Iroquois theater disaster for a playhouse was denounced as a public scandal by speakers at the fourth anniversary meeting of the Iroquois Memorial association yesterday.

It was announced that the permanent aim of the association would be the acquisition of the theater and its site for the purposes of dedicating the premises to some other use. A monument will be erected on the grave in Montrose cemetery of the woman who was the sole unidentified victim.

New Road Finished.

Portland, Jan. 1.—The first electric car operated over the Oregon Electric railway between Portland and Salem traveled over the new line Monday, reaching Fulton Park at 5:40 p. m. The car was run through under the direction of R. L. Donald, on behalf of Barstow & Company, the construction company, of which Mr. Donald is resident engineer. The operation of this car completes the contract of Barstow & Company, which calls for the operation of the road by December 30. The trip was made without a hitch.

Registered Mail Stolen.

Waco, Texas, Jan. 1.—Officers have just disclosed the fact that a bundle of letters, registered packages, etc., was stolen from the mail trucks at Temple, Tex., probably Sunday, and taken to the brush near here and opened. About \$15,000 worth of checks, money orders and drafts was found in a pile where the letters had been torn open, but all registered packages and money in letters to be had taken out. It is impossible to tell how much was secured.

Calls Extra Session.

Carson, Nev., Jan. 1.—Governor Sparks yesterday afternoon called an extra session of the legislature to convene January 4, 1908. For the last 24 hours the governor has been deluged with dispatches from all over the state and many places outside Nevada, urging the calling of the extra session to settle labor troubles.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FULL OF SUGAR.

Good Report on Klamath Country Sugar Beets.

Klamath Falls—Frank Ira White of the Enterprise Land & Investment company has just received reports from the department of agriculture relative to samples of sugar beets raised on the Enterprise tract. The beets were taken from the same tract as were those sent to Professor Kniesly some time ago, but were fully matured, while the others were not. Professor Kniesly's test showed from 17.40 to 19.35 per cent pure sugar, while the department test is one or two per cent higher, with a very high degree of purity.

These beets produced 8,286 pounds to the quarter-acre tract, or nearly 17 tons to the acre.

The department of agriculture in a letter to Mr. White says Klamath county's sugar beets are of the most excellent quality and that prospects are bright for the industry in this county.

Signs of Oil at Bonanza.

Bonanza—The possibilities of developing oil wells in this immediate vicinity are now more encouraging than at any previous time. In boring a well for a new lively stable in this town a strata of black oil sandstone was struck and specialists have pronounced it an unmistakable sign of the existence of oil. Several other places in Klamath county, especially in that portion surrounding Bonanza, show signs of oil. The prospects are good and the development of the same may result in the discovery of one of the richest oil regions on this coast.

More Traveling Libraries.

Salem—The Oregon Library commission held its regular session last week at the commission's rooms in the state house. W. B. Ayer and Miss Leam, members of the commission, were in attendance, besides the governor. It was decided to buy 25 more traveling libraries, making 90 in all, that will be placed in circulation as a result of the commission's first year's work. It was decided to establish an exchange station for Eastern Oregon at Baker City.

Fruitgrowers Plan Meeting.

Eugene—The Commercial club promotion department has decided to join with the Lane County Horticultural society in sharing the expense of the proposed mass meeting of fruitgrowers and citizens, to be held here Saturday, January 4. Prominent speakers will address the meetings and the people throughout the county will be asked to lend the experts in questions which would like the experts to answer. The committee in charge has selected Dr. D. A. Paine to act as chairman of the mass meeting.

Hood River Apple Crop.

Hood River—Complete returns from Hood River's 1907 apple crop show that the growers will receive in round numbers \$200,000 for their product, notwithstanding the money trouble, car shortage and reduced crop. This is approximately what the Hood River crop brought last year when it was in the neighborhood of 20,000 boxes more, and is accounted for by the fact that the apples brought a much larger average price. The entire crop is now placed at 110,000 boxes.

Yellow Pine Knot Active.

Pendleton—Notwithstanding the temporary financial straits in the North, yellow pine knot has continued to sell in the yellow pine belt. Several claims of 160 acres have recently been sold on the Blue mountains near Ukiah in Umatilla county, for \$2,000 to \$2,700 each and other sales are now pending. This belt of yellow pine lies about 45 miles south of Pendleton on the proposed extension of the Pilot Rock railway, which is expected to arrive in Umatilla county, for \$2,000 to \$2,700 each and other sales are now pending. This belt of yellow pine lies about 45 miles south of Pendleton on the proposed extension of the Pilot Rock railway, which is expected to arrive in Umatilla county, for \$2,000 to \$2,700 each and other sales are now pending. This belt of yellow pine lies about 45 miles south of Pendleton on the proposed extension of the Pilot Rock railway, which is expected to arrive in Umatilla county, for \$2,000 to \$2,700 each and other sales are now pending.

Colonizer at Klamath.

Klamath Falls—George L. McDonough, colonization agent of the Union Pacific railway, is expected to arrive in Klamath Falls next week, is now at MacDoel, the new Dundark town on the California Northeastern railway in Butte valley. He comes to Klamath Falls to become familiar with colonizing possibilities here. He will be accompanied by a Dundark elder, D. C. Campbell, of Colfax, Wash.

Sawmill in Christmas Sock.

Marshfield—The new office building of the big planning plant of the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing company was opened and dedicated Christmas Eve. Festivities were held and many citizens attended. The office building is now completed and in use. The mill proper will be finished and ready for operation in February.

Select by Conventions.

Salem—In answer to an inquiry from Chairman G. A. Westgate, of the Republican state central committee, Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he says that delegates to the national conventions and candidates for presidential elector must be chosen at conventions and not under the direct primary.

Shut Down on Keno Canal.

Klamath Falls—The reclamation service has closed down on the Keno canal, on account of the wet weather, keeping only the derrick gang and the engineering corps. The shutdown was made necessary on account of the wet weather.

EXPRESS CHARGES HIGH.

Wells-Fargo Accused of Discrimination Against Merchants.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, today held a hearing of the complaint of the California Commercial association, composed of 29 mercantile firms in this city, charging the Wells-Fargo Express company with concealing from the public tariff schedules that had been filed with the Interstate Commerce commission in Washington and with making unjust and discriminatory rates. The actual question involved, however, was whether or not the quantity rate of 8 cents a pound from New York to San Francisco for shipments of 10,000 to 20,000 pounds applied to bulk or assembled shipments, gathered and forwarded by a forwarding agency to one concern or association organized for the purpose of getting the lower rate, the shipment ultimately intended for numerous consignees who were designated by numbers of the labels to the one consignee.

The charges of discrimination are based upon the refusal of the express company to transport a shipment of 18,000 pounds consisting of 443 packages, from New York to the California Commercial association in San Francisco last August, at the bulk or quantity rate of 18 per hundred pounds, the company charging the regular package rate. It is also alleged that the express company charged a higher rate than that published and filed with the Interstate Commerce commission, the latter being wilfully concealed and hidden from the public. This complaint avers that it is a distinct violation of the interstate commerce act.

In answer, the express company denies all the allegations made, and charges that the association resorted to subterfuge in order to extort unjust discrimination in its own favor, and based its refusal to grant a quantity rate upon the shipment in question on the ground that, while consigned to one consignee, it was intended for more than a score of firms.

EXPATRIATES IN CHINA.

Judge Willey Wants Congress to Make Laws for Them.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Judge L. R. Willey, of the United States court at Shanghai, against whom charges of improper conduct of his court have been preferred at Washington, arrived in San Francisco this morning on the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria from the Orient, and after a stay of two days in this city will proceed to the national capital. On board the Manchuria with Judge Willey was F. M. Brooks, a lawyer, who has filed an action for \$50,000 damages at Honolulu, charging the head of the court in the Far East, together with his clerk, L. R. Hickel, with conspiracy in stopping the practice of Brooks in Shanghai.

Judge Willey denied that he was going to Washington to meet the charges preferred against him.

"I am going to Washington," he said, "to aid in drawing an act that will extend to Americans in China a more complete body of laws than they now have. The laws now in force comprise little more than is embodied in the common law and are so indefinite as to be absolutely useless. It will be suggested to congress that the California code of laws be made to extend to China, wherein such laws are applicable."

In addition to this matter, I am journeying East that congress may be asked for an appropriation for a proper Federal building at Shanghai, where the American consulate and courts may be under one roof."

Jail Wrecking Glass' Health.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Affidavits have been served on District Attorney Langdon by T. C. Coogan, Louis Glass' attorney, in his attempt to get his client out of jail. The district attorney will file counter affidavits. Dr. Roland E. Hartley and Dr. J. M. Williamson state in their affidavits that they visited Louis Glass at the county jail and that he showed "marked general physical deterioration and general debility." They say they found him in a nervous condition which will permanently injure his health.

Raises Rent of Hot Springs.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Hot Springs, Ark., says: Announcement was made yesterday that the United States would double the price for its heating hot water during the first of the year, and that all bathhouse leases also would be doubled. A protest will be sent at once to Washington. The hot water now is dispensed by the government at 30 per annum for each tub supplied. The bathhouse owners state they are unable to meet the raise.

Backed by Wealthy Men.

New York, Dec. 31.—United States District Attorney Stimson said today that he had been served with the papers filed in the United States District court by counsel for Oscar W. Reid, a member of the battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry. The plaintiff sued through the government to recover pay lost through his discharge from the army, but the attorneys in the case have admitted that they were retained by "wealthy gentlemen of New England," whose real object is to determine the legality of the president's action.

Headquarters Are Secured.

Denver, Dec. 31.—The headquarters of the Democratic National convention will be at the Brown Palace hotel, which has registered a request from Chairman Tom Taggart, of the committee, through Secretary Mills, of the Convention league of Denver, to reserve 50 additional rooms, besides those already reserved. As soon as these reservations are made the other hotels of the city will begin to make reservations.

Garnets in New York Bedrock.

New York, Dec. 31.—That New York City rests on a vast mass of garnets is the discovery of Ralph E. Morgan, an English mineralogist, now visiting here. In a mass of rock thrown up from a subway excavation, he discovered a large garnet. On the dumping ground at Sheepshead bay he found a number of excellent garnets.

EPIDEMIC OF GRIPPE

Spreads Through the East Like Prairie Fire.

VICTIMS BY TENS OF THOUSANDS

Fearful That Epidemic May Surpass That of 1889-90—Street Car Service is Crippled.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Deadly grippe, which has already fastened itself upon nearly every city east of the Mississippi river, is spreading westward with appalling rapidity. Not since the terrible epidemic of 1889-90 have there been such ravages by the fearful malady as at the present time, according to special dispatches gathered from many sources. Mild, open weather, highly unseasonable, is held responsible by health authorities.

Pittsburg is the chief complainant. So many people there are ill that the streetcar service is crippled and office buildings are practically empty. Besides Pittsburg, New York, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Boston, Milwaukee and other Eastern and Western cities were reported to be wrestling with the disease, a number of deaths in each city occurring daily.

"La grippe, as the French call it," said Dr. Herman Spalding, of the Chicago Health department, "travels with the speed of a prairie fire. It travels along the lines of transportation, as it is carried by travelers from one city to another. It is decidedly contagious and there is no effective way of checking its spread. If other cities become badly affected, Chicago is sure to be hit, because of the thousands of travelers who arrive daily in Chicago from every point of the compass."

From New York word comes that the grippe has begun a devastating crusade in that city and that among its victims have been opera singers and many actors and actresses. There were 63 deaths in the metropolis last week. Besides this there were many deaths from pneumonia, influenced by the grippe bacillus.

Physicians in Boston say there are at least 60,000 cases now in that city. Cincinnati has 2,000 cases and physicians say that new cases are developing by the score every hour.

ON SECOND STAGE.

BattleShip Fleet Leaves Trinidad for Rio Janeiro.

Port of Spain, Dec. 31.—The American battleship fleet weighed anchor at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and steamed for Rio Janeiro. Accompanying the fleet were the supply ships Colgate and Glacier. Early in the morning the battleship fleet left Trinidad and steamed for Rio Janeiro. Accompanying the fleet were the supply ships Colgate and Glacier. Early in the morning the battleship fleet left Trinidad and steamed for Rio Janeiro. Accompanying the fleet were the supply ships Colgate and Glacier.

The fleet presented a magnificent appearance as it steamed out in four columns with the supply ships trailing, a distance of 400 yards separating one division from another. With the Connecticut in the lead the battleship headed for the Boca and steamed majestically through the grand Boca and thence along the northern coast of Trinidad. An average of from 10 to 11 knots an hour will carry the fleet to the end of the second lap of the 14,000-mile journey in about 12 days, and it was announced by Admiral Evans before his departure that he expects to reach Rio Janeiro on Friday evening January 10.

Natives Facing a Famine.

Hillsdale, Mich., Dec. 31.—Secretary H. S. Myers, of the general conference of Free Baptists, said today: "According to advices just received by me from our missions in Bengal and Orissa, India, four months of rain is the usual allowance in Lucknow, India, in a year, but during the year 1907 it has rained only four days. The result is famine everywhere. Thousands of the population are suffering and before relief comes next August hundreds of thousands must die unless relief comes from Christian lands."

Provide for Presidents.

New York, Dec. 31.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, under the title of "Our People and Their Ex-Presidents," has contributed an interesting article to the Youth's Companion for January 5. Referring to the poverty of Jefferson after he left the presidency as a blow to national pride, Mr. Cleveland declares definite and generous provision should be made for the maintenance of chief magistrates. He deals with the subject at length, and explains that he feels he can do so without his sincerity being questioned.

Fatal Row Over 5 Cents.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The United States senator, a conductor of the Arthur Railroad, was shot and killed today at the intersection of Twelfth and Folsom streets by Bonaventura Arcieri, a passenger. Previously Arcieri had tendered a transfer which Sassenman had refused to honor. He then paid a cash fare and began to argue the matter. Sassenman slapped Arcieri in the face and the latter drew a revolver and shot Sassenman.

Earthquake Breaks Company.

Hamburg, Dec. 31.—The Transatlantic Fire Insurance company has voted to liquidate on account of the fact that more than half of its capital was lost by the San Francisco fire and earthquakes.

Negroes Begin Suits.

New York, Dec. 30.—Papers in a case to test the legality of the discharge of the private of companies R, C and D of the 25th United States infantry (colored), following the disorders in the streets of Brownsville a year ago, have been prepared by a law firm of this city.

LET TROOPS STAY.

Senator Newlands Thinks Gaietyfield Needs Them.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senator Newlands, of Nevada, is endeavoring to prevent withdrawal of the government troops from Goldfield until some other means of protection is had. Today he called upon Secretary Taft at the War department and strongly urged that execution of the order issued by the secretary for the withdrawal of the troops be suspended until he has had an opportunity to communicate with Governor Sparks and induce him to call the Nevada legislature together.

Mr. Taft has been advising with Secretary Root on this subject and tonight communicated with the president at Pine Knot on the subject. There was every disposition to refrain from breaking in upon Mr. Roosevelt's privacy at this time, and the only excuse for doing so is found in the fact that, unless the original order is modified, the troops must leave Goldfield before the president returns to Washington.

The secretary declined to state what course he had recommended in the matter, nor would he say whether he had heard from the president in turn. Secretary Leob said the White House was entirely without advice from Pine Knot, as the Goldfield question was being handled by the War department.

Administration officials feel that the present situation in the matter of Goldfield's case cannot be continued, in view of the doubt that exists as to the constitutional and legal right of the executive to employ any part of the regular army in Nevada under present conditions.

HENEY GIVES FULTON A D.G.

Says All Implicated in Land Frauds Are Senator's Friends.

Washington, Dec. 30.—In an interview telegraphed from New York, Francis J. Heney is quoted as saying: "I hope to close these Oregon cases with Mr. Bristol in two or three weeks."

Inquiry at the Department of Justice failed to elicit definite information as to whether or not Mr. Bristol would assist Mr. Heney with the prosecution. It is no new district attorney is appointed by the time the land trials begin, Mr. Bristol may assist Mr. Heney, but there appears to be an expectation that a new man will be available before then, in which case Mr. Bristol will be out and have nothing to do with the land trials.

In the same interview Mr. Heney takes another rap at Senator Fulton. He denies having implicated Mr. Fulton in the land frauds, but adds: "All of these persons who have been implicated in organized land frauds are friends of Senator Fulton. Therefore it appears whimsical to me that Senator Fulton should, through the power of senatorial courtesy, be able to defeat the nomination of Mr. Bristol, who is capable of making it unpleasant for the yet unconvicted land thieves in Oregon."

UTES RAID SOUTHERN UTAH

Pen Up Cowboys and Band of Cattle in Canyon.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 30.—Colorado Ute Indians are traveling in bands in Southern Utah, raiding sheep and cattlemen, according to a report received by Governor John C. Cutler. According to this report, a small band of Indians attacked three cowboys near Ventura, San Juan county, on December 23, and at the muzzle of rifles compelled them to drive the cattle back into the canyon from which they were trailing onto the winter range, threatening to kill them unless they did so. Cowboys and cattle are still confined to the canyon.

The governor will take up the matter with the authorities at Washington, as according to a ruling of the commissioner of Indian affairs the Colorado or Southern Utes are forbidden to enter Utah.

Declares Labor Union a Trust.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—In the Common Pleas court today Judge Phillips held that if the allegations of the cutters and flatteners are true, the Amalgamated association of Window Glass Workers is an organization in restraint of trade. The cutters and flatteners brought suit to enjoin the association from expelling them for accepting employment in factories where machinery is used in their work. The cutters and flatteners assert that the expulsion clause, if enforced, deprives them of an occupation.

Attack on Wells-Fargo.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Before Interstate Commerce Commissioner F. K. Lane tomorrow charges of illegal rate making against the Wells-Fargo Express company by the California Commercial association will be heard. The Commercial association, composed of prominent drygoods houses in the city, alleges that the express company has violated the interstate commerce law of 1906 in charging more than the published rate, and that it has kept the rates filed with the commission hidden from the public, contrary to the law.

Will Liquidate With Profit.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—"All holders of stock in the State National bank will receive from \$150 to \$200 per share for their stock and all depositors will be paid in full," was the official announcement today of W. Sparkens, counsel for the institution, whose directors have called a stockholders' meeting to decide whether the bank shall go out of business. The bank has been declared solvent by National Bank Examiner Cooper.

Radical Decision in Hamburg.

Hamburg, Dec. 30.—The suit of the harbor authorities against the Portworkers' union, growing out of the recent dock strike, has resulted in a decision of the widest importance against the latter. The union is forbidden in the future to interfere with the introduction of strike breakers, and a penalty of 1,500 marks is provided for each instance in which a conviction is obtained on the charge. The union has entered an appeal.

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