

# 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.

The movement to intervene in Congo affairs has been revived in England.

A Chinese company has been organized to work the iron mines at Atow, China.

Ruef may attempt to disqualify Judge Dunne and District Attorney Langdon.

Hughes has admitted that he would be willing to accept the presidential nomination.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Shaw will resign his trust presidency and may re-enter politics.

Morris K. Jessup, the well known banker and philanthropist of New York, is reported seriously ill.

Boyerstown, Pa., officials are after the owners of the gasoline tanks which exploded and set fire to the theater. One arrest has been made.

How to kill hogs at the stock yards in an artistically humane manner has been investigated by the Illinois branch of the Consumers' league.

New York insurance companies have discovered that much of the money borrowed from them on policies was either sold to get the currency premiums or was lent at high rates.

Burns and Ruef clashed in court and almost came to blows.

The miners' federation may defeat the Nevada constitutional law.

Colorado stockmen in their convention upheld the government's forestry policy.

Walsh, the convicted Chicago bank wrecker, says he merely made investments.

A New York grand jury is making a searching investigation into banking frauds.

Brylajn Thaw will again tell her story to the jury despite the efforts of Jerome.

The Sovereign bank of Canada, which has failed, was largely a Morgan institution.

The government may decide to run steamers on the Pacific coast to defeat the monopoly of the Pacific Mail.

Judge McPherson holds the Missouri law against the transfer of railroad suits to the Federal court invalid.

Louis Glass, convicted San Francisco briber, who is ill with pneumonia, is somewhat improved. He is 63 years old.

Senator Borah opposes the Aldrich currency bill.

New York banks have a surplus over the legal reserve.

There is a great deal of revolutionary agitation in India.

The three miners entombed at Ely, Nev., December 4, have been released.

Boyerstown, Pa., has buried all of its dead. The total fatalities numbered 173.

The United States has found it necessary to interfere in the Haytian revolution.

German scientists have succeeded in manufacturing rubies of remarkable beauty.

Attorney General Young, of Minnesota, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

California shippers are determined that the Southern Pacific relate investigation shall not be a farce.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road intends to have its line finished into the Northwest in time to handle a part of the 1908 crop.

John B. Walsh, president of the Chicago National bank, has been found guilty on 54 counts of misapplication of the bank's funds. The minimum penalty is imprisonment for 270 years and the maximum penalty 540 years.

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Four Scranton, Pa., girls were burned in a factory fire.

The United States torpedo flotilla has arrived at Rio Janeiro.

Haytien rebels have captured two towns and the president threatens bombardment.

Pope Pius has the gout, but the alarming rumors about his health are not justified.

An effort is being made to keep Evelyn Thaw from telling her story at the second trial of Thaw.

The Japanese premier considers the emigration problem settled.

Montana mineowners have united to build a smelter and fight the trust.

Colonel Goethals thinks about \$32,403,863 will be needed to carry on the canal work this year.

The president has decided to let the Federal troops remain at Goldfield until some action has been taken by the Nevada legislature.

The largest savings bank in Dallas, Texas, has suspended.

The temperature has reached 6 degrees below zero at St. Paul.

Japan denies that there is any secret about the location of her fleet.

A majority of the house committee is opposed to the Seattle fair appropriation.

The New York Federal court is inquiring into Harriman's stock deals and has ordered him to answer questions.

## SPYING ON GUNN.

Two Japanese Placed Under Arrest at Fort Stevens.

Fort Stevens, Or., Jan. 22.—Consternation was caused yesterday by the capture of two Japanese who were found loitering in the west battery of Fort Stevens.

The sentry, while walking his post to the west battery, suddenly came upon two Japanese who were walking on the parapet of the battery. As this place is unfrequented, except by special permission from the district artillery commander, the sentry hid behind a sentry box and watched their movements. Seeing them point to the different guns and emplacements and looking over the situation in general, the sentry took the men into custody and marched them back to the main post. They were then interviewed by the district adjutant general, B. H. Kerfoot, who could obtain no satisfactory explanation for their trespassing.

Although nothing of an incriminating nature could be found upon their persons, indications are that they were at the post for the purpose of obtaining plans and sketches of the different fortifications and modes of defense.

The Japanese were very well dressed and seemed to be above the average in appearance and intelligence. The fact of their being in the west battery, probably the most important battery on the Pacific coast, makes the situation much more serious than it would otherwise be. The battery consists of six 10-inch rifles and two 6-inch rapid fire guns, and is considered to be one of the most potent factors in the defense of this part of the coast.

## HALL WAS SLOW.

Declined to Arrest Illegal Fencers and Filed Civil Suit.

Portland, Jan. 22.—Special Agent Edward W. Dixon, who investigated and reported on the alleged unlawful fencing of public lands in Wheeler county by the Butte Creek Land, Live Stock & Lumber company, was the important witness for the government yesterday in the Hall-Mays conspiracy trial in the United States court. Special Agent Loomis related the result of his investigations and testified that while he had recommended the criminal prosecution of W. W. Steiner, Hamilton H. Hendricks and probably Clarence B. Zachary, of the Butte Creek company, his recommendations were disregarded by Hall, who subsequently filed a civil suit only and afterwards proposed to stipulate with the officers of the Butte Creek company by which the suit was to be dropped if they removed the unlawful fences and made it possible for other settlers to have access to the lands that had been improperly inclosed. Dixon was on the stand when the adjournment yesterday and will resume his testimony this morning.

## KEEP COOLIES HOME.

Lemieux Announces Japanese Policy Toward Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 22.—Postmaster General Lemieux in the house yesterday made a report on his recent mission to Tokio. Mr. Lemieux declared that, as a result of his negotiations with the Japanese government, an effective check had been put on the emigration of the Japanese from Hawaii to Canada and that he received assurances that the Japanese government was not only anxious to meet Canada's wishes in the matter of restricting direct emigration but regarding the emigration as an economic loss to Japan, whose policy of colonialism is confined to Corea and Manchuria.

Mr. Lemieux briefly stated the causes of anti-Japanese feeling in British Columbia, which culminated in the riots there, and reviewed the various treaties and conventions with Japan. By treaty the Japanese were unequivocally given the same rights as any British subject in Canada and the real cause of the recent agitation was the broad interpretation of this treaty by some enterprising emigration companies. It was on the faith of a tacit understanding with Japan that the latter would restrict emigration that parliament gave its sanction to the treaty.

Dry Farming Congress.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 22.—The production of cereals and other useful vegetation without irrigation on the semiarid lands of the mountains and Western plains will be discussed in all its phases at the second annual meeting of the Dry Farming congress, which begins this city today. The feature of today's program will be the annual address of Vice President J. L. Donahoe, of Denver, to be read by some member of the Colorado delegation. It will deal with legislation desired by dry farmers.

Push Currency Reform.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—A campaign of education was decided upon by the currency commission of the American Bankers' association at its meeting in Chicago last week. The commission desires to have its bill read and understood by many persons who, it is believed, can be reached in no other way. In addition, state bank associations will be asked to communicate with their congressmen and senators. The large commercial bodies throughout the country will be invited to appoint committees to consider the question.

Examining Stockbrokers.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—Several stock brokers were witnesses before the grand jury yesterday afternoon, when that inquisitorial body reconvened to resume its investigation into the wrecking of the California State Deposit & Trust company. The brokers were questioned regarding their accounts with the bank in an attempt to trace some of the missing securities and to learn if there are any "dummy" loans on the books.

Labor Union Bank a Failure.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The affairs of the Commonwealth Trust & Savings bank, an institution organized two years ago as a strictly union labor bank, are to be wound up. The experiment has cost the stockholders about \$6,000. The chief reason for a lack of success was that "unionism" has not progressed sufficiently as yet to enter the banking business.

Better Lights in Pullmans.

Salem.—Many complaints having been made that poor lights are provided on Pullman cars on the O. R. & N., the railroad commission has secured a contract that suitable lights will be provided.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## GATHER HOP DATA.

Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' Association Wants Oregon Acreage.

Salem.—The board of directors for Oregon of the Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' association met here last week and formulated a plan for ascertaining the acreage of all the hopgrowers in the state, the acreage of hops owned by each, the names of growers who have signed the constitution and bylaws of the union and the acreage of each.

It is expected that this information will be at hand and complete soon and for the first time it will be known definitely how many acres of hops are grown in Oregon. This information is necessary in order to ascertain the proportion of acreage represented in the union and also the names of growers who are needed as members but who have not joined.

The work of gathering the statistics was designated to the secretary, Joseph Bannpartner, and arrangements were made to raise a fund of \$1,000 to pay the immediate expenses of the organization work in Oregon. While no particular effort will be made to learn the acreage of hops that will be plowed this season, it is probable that a pretty fair idea of the extent of the plowing will be gained.

Suspected Sheep in Benton.

Monroe—United States Inspector H. Silverwood, of the bureau of animal industry, is in this section looking after several bands of sheep that were reported to be infected. The Federal government is working with state and county officials to enforce the dipping laws and clean up all bands of sheep which give the slightest indication of being infected. Mr. Silverwood imparts information regarding the construction of dipping vats, the method of dipping which will secure the best results, as well as the handling and care of livestock. It is more than likely that quite a lot of dip will be brought here before many days.

Columbia College Self Supporting.

Milton—Columbia college, of this place, has almost succeeded in raising a \$10,000 endowment fund. Rev. H. S. Shangle, financial agent of the college and also pastor of the Methodist church south in Milton, fully expects to have the whole amount raised before the next meeting of the Columbia river conference. This is the only school of the M. E. South denomination in the Pacific Northwest and pupils gather here from long distances. There are over 150 students at present and for the first time in its history the school is self supporting.

Lebanon Mills Reopen.

Albany—After being closed for three weeks, the Lebanon mill has resumed work and 50 men temporarily idle are again in employment. The recent flood piled so many logs in the Santiam canal that the mill could not get a supply of fuel wood for the regular consumption of 30 cords daily. Though this was the cause of the shutdown, some feared it might be due to the financial stringency, but the prompt resumption of work has restored confidence.

Little Snow in Mountains.

Albany—Less snow is reported in the mountains of this part of the state this year than for a great many years. This winter only the highest peaks and ridges are covered, while the valleys, even though far up in the mountains, are free from snow. Reports from the upper valley and headwaters of the South Santiam river are to the effect that there is no snow at all now on the ridges and in canyons where the snow is usually seven or eight feet deep in January.

Deputy Gets Reappointment.

The Dalles—To serve continuously for nearly 13 years as deputy game warden is the distinction of L. S. Fritz, of this city, who has been reappointed in that capacity by Robert O. Stevenson, the state game warden. The territory under his jurisdiction consists of Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties. Mr. Fritz has made a vigilant officer, and has served under four state game wardens. He was appointed first on August 25, 1895, by H. D. McGuire and served subsequently under Wardens Quibby and Baker.

Wants New Library.

The Dalles—Renewed interest in the Carnegie library to be built here has come since the forwarding of the architect's plan to Andrew Carnegie's secretary for approval. The edifice will be erected in the city park and will cost \$10,000. The city council has voted to meet the maintenance expenses and appropriate \$1,000 annually. In fact this was necessary to meet the conditions as presented by the steel magnate and library builder.

Large Timber Land Sale.

Oregon City—The transfer of 1,850 acres of timbered lands on the Upper Molalla river in Clackamas county has just been made public, through a deed filed in the office of County Recorder Ramsby. The price stated in the deed is \$51,000 or about \$44 per acre. The purchaser is the Molalla Lumber company, a West Virginia corporation, which purchased the property from the Corvallis Lumber company, of Saginaw, Mich.

Change in Blue Mountain Reserve.

Washington—The president has just signed a proclamation which eliminates 131,643 acres of the Blue Mountain forest reserve, as recommended by the forest service. The greater part of the area eliminated consists of open grass lands. The boundary has also been changed to exclude some heavily timbered land, title to which has passed from the government.

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## SETS OUT WALNUT TREES.

Rickfall—J. B. Stump, one of the leading farmers residing in this county, has planted 175 acres of his large farm near Mouthout to English walnuts, and will make his walnut grove a commercial proposition. The trees are planted with a space of 60 feet between rows one way and of 40 feet the other way. In the space between the rows of walnut trees Royal Anne cherries are planted and as these latter will bear quickly the land set out will soon be made profitable while awaiting the first crop from the walnut trees. Experiments made here in past years with walnuts have been so satisfactory that Mr. Stump's venture is not looked upon as an experiment.

Filing on Harney Lands.

Burns—The business of the United States land office in this city for the quarter ending December 31, 1907, was suspended, owing to the fact that the office is now on the track of the arch-conspirator and expect to arrest him soon.

MAKE GOOD PROGRESS.

But Philippine Delegates Say It Is Too Soon for Home Rule.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Speaking of conditions in the Philippines, Benito Legarda, delegate to congress, who, with his colleague, Pablo Ocampo, has arrived here en route to Washington, said today that his people had made great progress under American rule, and especially along educational lines, and added:

"It is useless to talk of independence now. I want independence, of course, but how can we have it? That is the question. I do not care to risk the property I own in another civil war or to see anarchy that might follow an attempt on the part of my countrymen to govern themselves at present."

It is asserted that his fellow delegate would work in harmony while in the house of representatives, his only aim being to improve the economic conditions of the islands, worse now than it has been for 20 years. Both delegates want to secure, if possible, the reduction of the United States duties on Philippine sugar and tobacco. Both are greatly interested in the Japanese question.

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Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan. 21.—News has reached here of a terrible tragedy which occurred at the village of Dragosh, several days ago. While the festival was in progress and the villagers were dancing upon the lawn in the public park, a large band of Greeks suddenly swooped down upon them and after driving them into their houses, set fire to the buildings and burned them to death. The victims included women and children and numbered, it is said, between 25 and 45.

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Would Impose Governor.

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## PLOT IS REVEALED.

Anarchist Conspiracy in Rio Janeiro to Blow Up Fleet.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 21.—The Brazilian police have discovered an anarchist plot here having as its object the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor. The conspiracy, which centering in Rio Janeiro and Petropolis, has ramifications in Sao Paulo and Minas Geras.

An individual named Jean Fedler, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here, although it is understood that foreign anarchists are deeply involved in the plot. Fedler is believed to have fled to Sao Paulo and the police, who know him, have been sent to that place for the purpose of apprehending him. One of the detectives who was well acquainted with Fedler, having served on the police force at Petropolis for some time, returned from that place today. After having made investigation there and had a long conference with the chief of police at Rio Janeiro, the latter gave it to be understood later that the Sao Paulo police are on the track of the arch-conspirator and expect to arrest him soon.

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# CONFIRMED IN PARIS

Suspicious Cabled to Washington and Rio Janeiro.

## STORY MAY PROVE TO BE HOAX

Steamer Reported to Have Conveyed Explosives to Southern Port.

Explosives to Southern Port—Precautions Taken.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The reports cabled from Rio de Janeiro that the Brazilian authorities were warned from Paris of a possible attempt to blow up the American battle-ship fleet while in the harbor there are true. Some time ago certain suspicious indications the existence of a plot to destroy the whole or a portion of the fleet, either at Rio Janeiro or in the Straits of Magellan, were cabled and communicated to Rio Janeiro and Washington. A chartered steamer was reported to have conveyed explosives for the use of the conspirators to Rio Janeiro, arriving there about the middle of December, and John Fedler, whose name is mentioned in the Rio Janeiro dispatches, was one of the men whose names were revealed here as implicated in the conspiracy.

The alleged plot is supposed to have some rather startling ramifications, but the evidence along this line is far from conclusive and rests chiefly upon the statement of an individual whose record was subsequently proved to be anything but creditable. Consequently the whole affair is regarded with much skepticism, and indeed the presumption has been raised that it may have been a deliberately concocted scare.

HENEY NEARING CLIMAX.

Government Witnesses Tell of Land Stealing by Settlers.

Portland, Jan. 21.—With testimony strong and apparently conclusive, the government yesterday by several witnesses in the Hall-Mays conspiracy trial exposed the bold and law defying operations of the Butte Creek Land, Live Stock & Lumber company, and disclosed to the jury how during the years 1900 and 1901 this company acquired fraudulently a considerable area of public land. By the same evidence it was shown how this land grabbing corporation by the acquisition of these lands was enabled to complete the enclosure of a still larger area of government land to which other settlers were denied access for grazing purposes.

Henev, for the prosecution, made considerable progress in establishing the existence of a conspiracy among the members of the Butte Creek company and he said last night that the government's case would be supported still further as to the alleged land stealing by the introduction today of more testimony of the same character as that presented yesterday. When this has been done, Henev will begin the next step outlined by the prosecution and will seek positively to connect Hall and Mays with the conspiracy that will have been proved against the officers of the Butte Creek company.

STORM CITY HALL.

Six Thousand Unemployed in Seattle Make Demonstration.

Seattle, Jan. 21.—The unemployed laborer's long talked of demonstration was made yesterday.

Manned by leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World, an organization which includes the unemployed in its membership, about 6,000 men marched up First avenue for several blocks and then debouched to the city hall, where a call was made for the mayor.

The mayor submitted a letter a short time later in which he replied to the demands by saying that the county commissioners have devoted \$5,000 to feeding and sheltering the unemployed, that all public works provided for by appropriation are now under way and that to do away with the chain gang it will be necessary for the council to strike the ordinance from the books.

They Were Invited.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—The report of W. L. Mackenzie King, the royal commissioner appointed to inquire into the influx of Oriental labor into Canada, establishes that the Japanese government has been observing the agreement to restrict immigration, and that the departure of the Japanese Foreign office was made only at the request of the Canadian Nippon Steamship company, backed by the Canadian Pacific railway and other influential Canadian interests, which represented at Tokio that Japanese labor was needed.

Several Arrests in Brazil.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 21.—Several arrests have been made in connection with the alleged plot to destroy part of the American fleet. The band which is supposed to have organized the plot is presumably composed of five Italians. One Canadian and two Germans have been arrested here, and it is believed that the other members of the band have been taken into custody. The members of the band counted on the assistance of a Spaniard named Riechero, who has lived in this city for a long time.

Bank Commissioners Sued.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Henry B. Ross today began suit against the present and former boards of state bank commissioners to recover \$16,374.53, which he deposited with the California State Deposit & Trust company in connection with the condition of that institution, issued by the commissioners. He said that he made a deposit of \$10,000 in the bank only two days before its doors were closed.

\$15,000,000 More Retired.

New York, Jan. 21.—Large blocks of clearing house loan checks, amounting to about \$15,000,000, were retired yesterday, and the amount outstanding now is in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000.

## RUEF FORFEITS IMMUNITY.

District Attorney Langdon Says Negotiations Are Over.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—It was announced late Saturday night that the graft prosecution has determined to discontinue all negotiations with Abraham Ruef, the central figure in the graft cases, in the matter of granting him immunity. It was further stated that today the prosecution would demand that Ruef be put on trial before Judge Dunne on one of the many charges of bribery for which he has been indicted.

This determination of the prosecution came at the end of several days' fruitless negotiations with Ruef. It is said that some time ago the prosecution promised Ruef partial immunity in consideration of his taking the witness stand and truthfully testifying in full to all his transactions with public service corporation officials to be tried on the charge of bribery.

When the District Court of Appeals rendered its decision declaring void the indictments for extortion against ex-Mayor Schultz, to which Ruef had already pleaded guilty, it is charged that Ruef, realizing that the decision placed him in an advantageous position, demanded full immunity. This the prosecution would not consent to grant, and there followed a series of conferences in which Ruef endeavored to secure better terms.

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