

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.

Governor Toole, of Montana, whose resignation, on account of ill health, takes effect April 1, is in Los Angeles.

It is estimated that over \$2,000,000 will have been paid by New York patrons of opera before the present season ends in April.

The senate committee has approved the dismissal of the negro troops engaged in the Brownsville riot in August, 1906.

Having been left an annuity of \$2,500 a year as long as he remains in college and lives in a college dormitory, W. C. R. Kemp has contrived to remain at Columbia university, New York, 27 years without graduating.

Four mail clerks were injured in a train wreck near Fluvilla, Ga.

Work is about to begin in New York on a building for the various Irish societies.

New York hotel clerks have organized a club under the name of the Greeters.

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, in an address at Chicago, denounced Germany as a menace to the peace of the world.

Sixteen persons were injured, five seriously, by the derailment of a car on the scenic railway at one of Denver's amusement parks.

Mrs. Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, intends to devote a portion of her \$10,000,000 estate to the erection of a hospital in New York.

A man disguised as a girl obtained employment in the St. Louis telephone office and was only discovered when he proposed to one of the girls.

First-class west bound ocean travel is at its lowest ebb at the present time. Four big liners have just arrived with their cabins practically empty.

That there is less graft and business dishonesty in America today than there was in Washington's time, is the opinion of Dr. R. H. McArthur, of New York.

American naval officers were banqueted in Lima, Peru.

A Frenchman has invented a wireless electric power system.

Mexico is devising ways for the reform of the public credit system.

The Hearst Independence league has decided to nominate a national ticket.

The sale of ex-Minister Conger's Chinese relic collection has realized \$20,533.

Japan has asked for a larger appropriation for the Tokio exposition in 1912.

Russian authorities have captured plotters against the life of Grand Duke Nicholas.

Fire for a time seriously threatened a large part of the business district of New Orleans.

A mortgage for \$225,000 has been foreclosed on the Yerkes home and art collection in New York.

A Columbia, Mo., man has just died who for the past 20 years has drunk at least a quart of whisky a day.

The children of Eureka, Cal., have petitioned the forest service for the creation of a redwood national forest.

An attempt was made to burn the Seale hotel, at Muskogee, Okla., where about 100 delegates to the Democratic convention were quartered.

Railroad unions deny the necessity for wage reductions.

The Northern Pacific has reduced grain rates from Montana points to Chicago.

CHARGES ARE FALSE.

Experts Testify Before Committee on Naval Construction.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Two experts in naval construction—Rear Admiral Converse, retired, president of the board of construction, and Rear Admiral Capps, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, were before the senate committee on naval affairs today in the investigation of charges against the navy made by Henry Reuter in a recent magazine article. The charges were taken up in the order they appeared in the article and at the conclusion of the extended refutation by Admiral Converse it was stated by Senator Perkins that the apologies of the committee were due the officers for having called them to answer such charges. Chairman Hale assented to this view and no member of the committee took issue.

This incident at the conclusion of the first day's proceedings is thought to indicate that the inquiry will be short. It has not been determined whether the committee will enter upon an investigation of any subject except those embraced in the criticism of the battleship construction, but, if other questions are taken up, it is certain no long-continued discussion will be permitted. It is likely that the entire inquiry will be concluded before the naval appropriation bill is taken up.

MAY CAUSE WAR.

Minister Warns Parliament of Danger Ahead in Europe.

London, Feb. 26.—The Macedonia difficulty was raised in both houses of parliament tonight. Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, made a statement in the house of commons on this subject, and Lord Fitzmaurice, under secretary for foreign affairs, did likewise in the house of lords, the gist of both statements being that, because of the Porte's inactivity, matters had reached a critical pass; that the government deprecated any isolated action, but was doing its utmost to preserve the concert of powers and press Turkey to an acceptance of the reforms.

Sir Edward Grey said that in discussing the Macedonian question the government was not far from the Turkish question, which more than once had led to an European war. They were rapidly nearing a point, he said, where the concert of powers must either justify or stultify itself, and, if the concert disappeared, it was impossible to foretell what might be the result.

If Macedonia continued to be neglected, he added as a note of warning, it must sooner or later provoke a catastrophe.

Sir Edward suggested that, if a Turkish Governor were appointed for a term of years and he was a man whose capacity and character were recognized and accepted by the powers, the whole question might be solved.

EXPECT FLEET AT HONOLULU.

Enough Coal Being Stored Up for Battleships.

Honolulu, Feb. 25.—Advices from Honolulu of February 19 say plans are already beginning to be laid for the victualing and entertainment of Rear Admiral Evans' fleet, should it come to Honolulu. The addition of the 20,000 men whom the fleet may be expected to bring to the population of Honolulu will quickly exhaust the normal supplies of fresh vegetables and island fruits grown here unless large additions are made to the area cultivated.

Although there has been no official announcement that the fleet is coming here, there is a feeling of certainty that it will. There is now here and on the way to arrive within a few weeks fully 60,000 tons of coal belonging to the navy. This coal has all been brought here since the announcement of 60,000 tons of coal being sent to the Pacific waters. For the ordinary purposes of the navy at this port, 4,000 or 5,000 tons a year is all that is needed. Hence the provision of 60,000 tons here now is looked on as practically conclusive that the fleet is coming.

Big Copper Find in Montana.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 26.—The first discovery of virgin copper in large quantities ever made in Montana, according to prominent mining men, has been made only a short distance from this city in a claim owned by residents of Dillon, Butte and Sunburst. The property is situated between Helena and Winston. The lead was discovered several days ago at the 80-foot level, and a close investigation revealed a vein of 3 1/2 feet of nearly solid native copper. A large lump of the ore exhibited in Helena created a decided sensation.

Will Advertise San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—One of the beneficial results of the agitation for the cleaning up of the city and the extermination of rats will be made evident this week when the consuls of several foreign countries will prepare their reports to their superiors on the sanitary conditions in San Francisco. Dr. Rupert Blue will prepare a full report to submit to the consuls. The federal health officers will have a report prepared in a day or so, which will show the percentage of infection among the 10,345 rats caught last week.

Thaw's Mind Dissected.

New York, Feb. 26.—Statements emanating from the alienists who have examined Harry Thaw indicate that nothing short of a miracle will save Stanford White's slayer from spending the remaining days of his life in an asylum for the insane. It is said that Thaw is the victim of paranoia, which is a progressive disease of the mind. Thaw is entirely in the hands of the state board of lunacy and the alienists at Matteawan and his fate rests with them.

Big Fleet at Frisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—From present figures there will be 50 vessels, if not more, belonging to the United States navy, assembled in San Francisco bay with the arrival of the "Fighting Bob" Evans' big fleet in the early part of May. These vessels will come from the north and south, where many are either engaged in maneuvers or making repairs.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TO BE WOOL CENTER

Baker City Secures Low Rates on Shipments to Boston.

Baker City—Baker City will become one of the greatest wool markets in Oregon. Sheepmen have been in Portland consulting with the O. R. & N. officials and have secured a rate of \$1.75 from Baker to Boston Superior Valley. This rate is a rate of 20 cents from Austin to Baker, and the reduction by two roads means that more than 1,000,000 pounds of wool from Grant and Wheeler counties will be hauled to Austin and then shipped to Baker for baling. Dayville is the present center of the sheep industry in Grant county, and the ranchers would much rather haul their wool to Austin because of the good roads. They have been paying \$2 to have their wool hauled to Shanks because of the lower rate. The shipping of the wool via Baker City will mean that instead of the ranchers buying their supplies at Shanks they will haul their wool to Austin, leave their teams there and come on the Baker City to secure their warehouse receipts and while here purchase their supplies. By this means the local banks will handle \$200,000 that would go to other cities. Although the rate on wool is still higher from Baker than from Shanks, the ranchers can afford to ship via Baker because of the low cost of getting their wool to Austin.

Fruit Replaces Forests.

Grants Pass—If the progress of clearing up raw land and improving it keeps on at the present pace, Josephine county, within five years, will be entirely cleared and planted to fruit. As an instance of this work it may be stated that one county store in Applegate valley has placed seven grubbing machines within the last month. These mechanical devices do the work of several men, with greater ease and less expense. Within short distances of town where heavy machinery may be used, donkey engines play a prominent part in pulling stumps and brush.

New Fruit Packing House.

Milton—At a meeting of the Milton Fruitgrowers' union the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: J. N. Stone, T. L. Ragsdale, William Forsythe, O. K. Goodman and E. P. Jensen. The union is in good condition and its affairs have been handled in a very creditable manner. It is the purpose of the union to build a new and larger packing house on the site of the present one for this season. The new building will probably be a three-story structure and will be conveniently arranged for the handling of fruit.

Clackamas May Get Cannery.

Oregon City—If the present plans of the members of the Clackamas County Horticultural society are carried out, Clackamas county will have still another enterprise in the shape of a fruit cannery. A meeting of the society was held last week at the home of Mr. E. Evans, secretary, and G. W. White, treasurer. It was long held, and the subject and stated that he had made a careful examination of the fruit acreage in this vicinity and finding it highly satisfactory, was willing to finance the scheme.

Beavers on Increase.

Silver Lake—Beavers seem to be on the increase in this part of the county under the protection of the law which provides a \$500 fine for killing one of these industrious little animals. Creeks and rivers in Northern and Central Lake and Clackamas counties in timbered sections especially, are being taken possession of to a greater or less extent by the beavers, and in some places they are causing trouble to irrigationists by building dams that interfere with the flow of water. One colony has possession of Silver creek.

Cannery Stock Subscribed.

Corvallis—Announcement has been made that enough stock had been subscribed to insure the success of the movement for a fruit cannery, and a meeting of stockholders has been called to perfect an organization. The capital stock is \$11,000, and the plant is to have a capacity of 12,000 cans daily. The machinery and appointments are to be of the very latest models, embodying everything necessary to turning out a perfect product.

Pumping Out Red Boy.

Baker City—After lying idle for months, the pumps of the famous Red Boy mine have been started again and the mine will soon be in condition for operation. The monster pumps throw out about 600,000 gallons of water every 24 hours, and at this rate the mine will be ready for operations in about 30 days. The Red Boy mine was one of the best producers of Eastern Oregon for many years and it is thought that it will again occupy a front rank.

After Federal Court.

Pendleton—The Pendleton Commercial association will send a delegation to Washington to fight for the Federal district headquarters when the date of the hearing with the house judicial committee is fixed. If the Oregon delegation think it necessary, expressions from attorneys of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and other Eastern Oregon counties in favor of Pendleton for the headquarters will be secured.

Can Fish Up to the Illinois.

Gold Beach—The gasoline launch Sheba, which has lately been launched on Rogue river to carry fish to the cannery and cold storage plant, is greatly facilitating the work of fishing. Fishermen are now able to ply their trade up to the mouth of the Illinois. This was impossible before because they could not tend their nets and bring their fish so far down the river.

Coleman Out of Willamette.

Salem—The resignation of Dr. John H. Coleman as president of the Willamette university has been accepted by the board of trustees. Coleman tendered his resignation some months ago, but the board failed to act on it. Nothing has thus far been done towards appointing his successor.

LARGE CLIP EXPECTED.

Eastern Oregon Wool Industry Looks Encouraging.

Pendleton—The fixing of the wool sales dates for Eastern Oregon is the first step in what promises to be one of the best years for sheep and wool in the history of the state. Owing to the mild winter all over Eastern Oregon the lamb crop promises to be heavy and the wool clip will average higher than ever before. It is estimated that the Eastern Oregon herds will average nine pounds or more this year, owing to the constant improvement of the grade of sheep. Shearing is now being discussed and prices will be fixed soon. It is thought the price for shearing will be about 7 1/2 cents per head, and there is a large preference shown for hand shearing, owing to the fact that the machines injure the roots of the wool by cutting too close to the skin of the sheep. The skin of the machine-shorn sheep being clipped extremely close, shorn badly and this retards the growth of the wool. Wool and sheep buyers are already on the ground, and there promises to be spirited bidding for wool and nut-meat sheep all over this section. Ewes which will bear a lamb this spring and which have heavy fleeces of wool upon them are now worth \$6 per head in Eastern Oregon.

Sues to Cancel Contract.

Portland—The case of the state of Oregon against the Columbia Southern Irrigation company is being heard in the United States district court. The state is represented by A. M. Crawford, attorney general, and the irrigation company by W. T. Muir and Seneca Smith. Under the Carey act the irrigation company was to irrigate certain tracts of land in Eastern Oregon aggregating something like \$7,000 acres. This was the agreement made between representatives of the state land board and the company several years ago. The state maintains that the company has not carried out its part of the contract and Mr. Crawford is asking that a receiver be appointed.

La Grande Adopts Market Day.

La Grande—Satisfied with the excellent results of the market days established by the Pendleton Commercial association, this city has decided to try the experiment and within two weeks will have formulated a series of market day sales for the coming spring and summer months. The La Grande sales will be the first to be adopted east of the Blue mountains, but the high success of the sales at Pendleton and elsewhere in the inland empire has stimulated the La Grande commercial club to try the experiment.

Oil Company for Klamath.

Klamath Falls—The incorporators of the Klamath Oil company have elected the following officers: G. Heitkemper, Jr., president; E. B. Hall, vice president and general manager; Pierce Evans, secretary, and G. W. White, treasurer. It has long been claimed that indications are very strong of vast deposits of coal oil beneath the volcanic blanket in this region, as proven by the fact that it oozes up at various places.

Plan Rest Room at Milton.

Milton—An interdenominational society is being formed in which all the churches are interested to promote the establishment of a reading room in the city. Meetings of the society will be held every two weeks. The reading room is intended as a rest room for the country people. A library of 500 volumes has been arranged for. Committees representing different branches of the work have been appointed.

Begin Work for Pup Mill.

Oregon City—Work preliminary to the construction of the new mill of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company was begun when a force of men started to build a walk leading from station A to the mainland. As soon as this work is done, actual construction of the new pulp mill on the site of station A will begin, and it is expected to have a portion of the plant in operation by April next.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 81c; bluestem, 83c; valley, 81c; red, 79c.
Barley—Feed, \$26 per ton; brewing, \$32; rolled, \$29@30.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$27; gray, \$27 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$32.50; cracked, \$33.50.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@21; clover, \$14@15; chest, \$12; grain hay, \$14@15; alfalfa, \$12@13; vetch, \$14.
Fruits—Apples, table, \$1.75@3.00; cooking, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$8@11 per barrel.
Vegetables—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1 per sack; cabbage, 1@1 1/4 per pound; cauliflower, \$1.75 @1.85; celery, \$2.75@4 per crate; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 17 1/2c per pound; pumpkins, 16@1 1/4c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 16@1 1/4c per pound.
Onions—\$2.50 per hundred.
Potatoes—\$2.50 per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$5.50@6.75 per cwt.
Butter—Average creamery, 30@35c per pound.
Poultry—Fancy old hens, 12@13 1/2c per pound; mixed chickens, 12 1/2@13c; spring chickens, 12 1/2@13c; roosters, 10@11c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, live, 14@15c; dressed, choice, 15@16c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14@15c; pigeons, 7@8c; squabs, \$1.50@2. Eggs—Fresh ranch candled, 22 1/2@23 1/2c per dozen.
Veal—7@12 1/2 pounds, 7; 150 to 200 lbs, 5@6 1/4c.
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6 1/2@7c; packers, 5@6c.
Hops—1907, prime and choice 4 1/2@6c per pound; old 1@2c per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best 18@20c per pound according to shrinkage; valley 18@20c according to shrinkage; mohair choice 20@30c per pound.

TRAP FOR TERRORISTS.

Russia Provides World-Wide System of Secret Service.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The skillful performance of the police in the roundup of the great band of plotters has won praise throughout the city, bearing witness to the thoroughness of the methods evolved for fighting terrorists. The secret police are spending unlimited sums in bringing the terrorists to justice and have drafted agents of international experience who are thoroughly familiar with the by-ways of Western anarchists and who will introduce an improved technique here. The police department has entered into relations with detective agencies abroad, and has organized an extensive service in all the countries where Russian emigrants congregate, particularly in New York, Paris and Switzerland, and are making a special effort to penetrate within the innermost councils of the Social Democratic and Social Revolutionary organizations.

In connection with the latest plot the men of the secret service were also invited to attend the meeting held in Finland, where the final plan for the assassination of Grand Duke Nicholas, Nicholavitch and Judge Tchegloff, minister of justice, was elaborated. Two hundred plain clothes men were called in by heads of the police department and given precise instructions as to what action should be taken and apparently they arrested without error the persons involved. Thus far the police have failed to extract a confession from any of those arrested as to their identity, but several undoubtedly are members of aristocratic houses. It is certain that numbers of the conspirators have managed to evade arrest, and a careful watch is being kept for these.

BLACK HAND BUSY.

Threaten to Blow Up Government Powder Stores.

New York, Feb. 25.—In a letter signed "Black Hand" and addressed to Commander Braunstruter, in charge of the United States naval magazine at Iona island, the threat has been made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on the island will be blown up unless the married men discharged from employment on the island January 1, 1908, be put back to work at once. There are 3,000,000 pounds of smokeless powder and other explosives stored in the numerous magazines. Secret service men are working to discover the identity of the writer of the letter. Printed by hand, the letter was mailed at the Haverstraw postoffice two weeks ago. It was as follows: "If the married men that were discharged from Iona island are not taken back again at once all the magazines on the island will be blown up. The writer does not fear death."

Black Hand.

On January 1 between 30 and 40 men, who had been employed on the island, were discharged, owing to delay in forwarding funds from Washington to continue work. This delay was looked upon at the time as temporary, and it was understood the men would be taken back as soon as the money arrived. Among the men discharged, most of whom were laborers, were many Italians. Since the receipt of the letter every approach to the island has been guarded day and night by marines, it is said, and the civilian employees have been kept under the strictest surveillance. Iona island is about seven miles south of West Point.

Death at Grads Crossing.

Spring Valley, N. Y., Feb. 25.—A foam specked pair of horses that ran through the streets early today, dragging with them a splintered wagon pole, brought to the village the first news of a grade crossing accident in which nine members of its most prominent families were either killed outright or frightfully injured. Four of the party were instantly killed, two died while being removed to the Hudson county hospital at Hoboken N. J., and the other three lie in a serious condition at that institution tonight.

Will Bare Ruel's Secrets.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Every detail of the negotiations between the graft prosecutors and Abe Ruel will be laid in the exhaustive affidavits to be filed in Judge Lawlor's court this morning by District Attorney Langdon, Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney and William J. Burns. Heney and Burns spent yesterday in preparing their affidavits, and while they would not discuss the contents of the documents, both insist that the sworn statements would include every important detail of their relations with Ruel.

Operate on Edison.

New York, Feb. 25.—Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, is a patient at the Manhattan hospital, where last night he underwent an operation intended to relieve him of trouble in the left ear. The operation, which was not considered especially risky, was performed by Dr. Arthur D. Donell, the ear specialist, who opened an abscess in the middle ear. The operation was seemingly wholly successful and a prompt recovery is anticipated.

Repair at Puget Sound.

Seattle, Feb. 25.—The Colorado and the Pennsylvania, armored cruisers of the first class, arrived at the navy yard today for dry docking and repairs. The Colorado will be equipped with a new main battery of four eight inch breech loading rifles. The two vessels will be followed by eight other warships which will be repaired by April 26.

Main Water Pipe Bursts.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The main water pipe of Paris, under Tuilleries street, burst last evening and converted the street into a torrent. The water flooded cellars in various side streets, extinguishing fires and stopping the dynamo in at least one large hotel, putting the building in darkness.

Russia Backs Down.

Copenhagen, Feb. 25.—It is understood in diplomatic circles that as a result of pressure from other powers Russia has abandoned her plan of fortifying the Aland islands and that an entente will soon be arranged.

ROADS LOSE APPEAL

U. S. Supreme Court Upholds Elkins Law.

DECIDES GREAT NORTHERN CASE

Attempt to Play Off One Law Against Another and Escape Penalties Completely Foiled.

Washington, Feb. 25.—One of the main contentions by which the railroad industry sought to escape punishment was swept away today by a decision of the United States supreme court. This decision vitally affects the case under which the Standard Oil Co. was fined \$29,240,000 for the same point was raised.

The case upon which the decision was rendered was instituted in the United States district court for the District of Minnesota, which court fined the Great Northern railroad \$1,000 each for 15 violations of the first section of the Elkins law. The alleged offenses against the law were committed during the summer of 1905, and consisted in delivering concessions to the W. P. Devereaux Company on its shipments of oats and corn from Minnesota to the company in Washington. The company admitted the concessions and fought the prosecution on the ground that by amending the Elkins act so as to provide for punishment by imprisonment rather than by fines the Hepburn law had so modified the original law as to accomplish its repeal and render punishment under it impracticable. Today's decision was announced by Justice White and affirmed the finding of the District Court and the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

HEROISM ON MARYLAND.

Explosion Averted by Instant Obedience to Hurred Signal.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—An act of heroism performed by three blue-jackets on the United States gunboat Maryland during the recent target practice held at Magdalena Bay, was all that prevented a repetition of the Georgia disaster off the Massachusetts coast last year, when Lieutenant Goodrich, the son of Admiral Goodrich, and 13 of his shipmates, met death in the explosion of one of the big guns.

It happened while the Maryland was having her try at the navy record. After the second or third shot from No. 4, one of the Maryland's eight-inch guns, J. J. Donnelly, a seaman, acting as first loader, discovered that two balls of fire were spinning around within the screw-box. This fire should have gone out of the muzzle of the gun but it had failed to do so.

Without the loss of a moment, Donnelly hastily signalled J. C. King, the hoisting man, to lower the ammunition car into the handling-room, and King, with the assistance of J. Green, the rammer man, complied with the former's request upon the instant. Twenty-five seconds elapsed before the fire in the screw-box was put out, but in that brief time a great disaster was averted.

TRYING TO GET ENOUGH MEN

Railroads Have Ten Days Before New Law Takes Effect.

Los Angeles, Feb. 25.—With less than ten days until the new federal law limiting the hours of labor of certain railroad employees shall become effective, Los Angeles railway officials are preparing as best they can for the necessary changes which must be made. Approximately 140 new telegraph operators will be required in the territory governed by Los Angeles general office. The Santa Fe will need the greater portion of these. If it keeps all its offices open it will require 81 men on its coast line in addition to its present force. There is a possibility that it will not be able to get that number at once. If so, it will be necessary to close a few offices all or a part of the time until the additional men can be found.

Money Panic in Japan.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The tightening of financial conditions in Japan is regarded by banks here as likely to result in the transfer from London to Tokio of a large portion of Japanese balances and somewhat to disturb European money markets. Japan's balances in London are estimated at between \$60,000,000 and \$75,000,000. At the Japanese Embassy the news of panicky conditions at Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe is discredited, but private advices to German firms trading in the Far East confirm the scarcity of money.

Santa Fe's Cry of Misery

Topeka, Feb. 25.—On the Santa Fe railroad 486 new operators will be required, the Gulf lines excepted, to comply with the provisions of the federal nine-hour law, to go into effect March 4. About 60 are required on the eastern grand division. The officials do not know whether they will be able to get the requisite number of new men or not. Notices were posted in the Santa Fe shops at Newton today that employees need not report for work till Monday, March 2. About 200 men are affected.

Black Hand Threats Terrorize

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 25.—Black Hand Society notices, sent through the mails and posted on doors and fences, with the object of frightening Italians who have offended the society in the mining village of Black Diamond, 25 miles from Seattle, reached a climax last Friday night when J. Vitero was shot at three times while making his way home. One bullet passed through his left arm and another cut his coat.

Fabulous Strike is Made.

Rawlston, Nev., Feb. 25.—What is said to be the most wonderful strike in the history of mining in Nevada was made today on the Happy Hoop claim. Assays of the ore show values as high as \$79,600 to the ton. The ground has been purchased by E. W. King, a banker of Bozeman, Mont.

CHARGES ARE BLANDEROUS.

Fulton Denies Every Accusation Made by Heney.

Portland, Feb. 24.—In a long statement given to the newspapers of Portland for publication, Charles W. Fulton, senior United States senator from Oregon, answers in detail the charges made against him by Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor for the government in the land fraud cases, in a speech delivered in the First Congregational church in this city on the night of January 28 of the present year.

At that time Mr. Heney made the direct charge that Senator Fulton's long participation in crooked political and business deals in Oregon, notably in timber land frauds, had unfitted him to occupy the high office he now holds and announced a determination to oppose to the utmost the senator's candidacy for re-election. Mr. Heney further charged that Senator Fulton is the tool of the railroad interests at Washington and represents, not the people of his state, but the law-defying corporations in congress.

The specific charges made in the Heney speech are taken up one by one in Senator Fulton's answering statement and denied comprehensively and in detail as to every material fact. Senator Fulton does not mince matters in laying before the people of his state his defenses. He strikes squarely from the shoulder and charges in the plainest terms that his accuser deliberately falsified in his Congressional church speech, which Senator Fulton points out to have been the climax of a campaign of malicious persecution and vilification begun more than two years ago.

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RIOT IN SLAIN.

Anarchist Shoots Catholic Leader in Denver Church.

Denver, Col., Feb. 24.—Father Leo Heinrichs was shot and killed when administering sacrament at early mass at St. Elizabeth's catholic church, Eleventh and Curtis streets, this city, at 6 a. m. yesterday morning. Kneeling at the altar last night two women, Guaranacua pressed the muzzle of a revolver against the body of the priest after receiving from him the consecrated water and shot the man of God through the heart.

The murderer was hurried to the city jail, and as the threats of summary justice were made by many men in the crowd, which quickly gathered in front of the church, Chief of Police McFalle telephoned the reserve force of patrolmen.