

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.

Mining industries of Montana are reviving.

Catholics of San Francisco held special mass to pray for rain.

The bandits who shot Marshall Miller at Kent, Wash., are surrounded by a large posse.

While "playing burglar" a 16-year-old boy of Woodstock, Oregon, shot his 9-year-old sister through the heart.

It is now against the law to bind the feet of women in China, and many of the opium dens have been closed.

The office of the anarchist paper La Question Sociale, has been dismantled and the printing material removed.

Governor Hughes of New York, threatens to call out the militia if necessary, to stop race track gambling in that state.

Admiral Sebree and the officers and crews of the cruisers California and Tennessee received a great welcome at Everett, Wash., enroute to Seattle.

While the contralto soloist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra was singing at the Armory in Portland one afternoon a canary drew the attention of the entire audience by alighting on the sill of an open window and singing lustily.

Seven jurors have been secured to try the Ruff.

It is now reported that Admiral Evans is on the mend.

Eight jurors have been secured to try Firey La Ford of San Francisco, for bribery.

Salem people saw a strange light traveling in the air for about half an hour Sunday evening.

Seven hundred junks were sunk and 2000 people drowned in Hankow China, as the result of a midnight flood.

Four "trusties" escaped from the Salem penitentiary. They had been working on the asylum for feebly-minded.

The B. R. Lewis Lumber company and the Idaho & Northern Railway, of Coeur d'Alene, are in the hands of a receiver.

The selection of a jury to open the ballot boxes and examine the ballots of the New York majority contest of 1905 has begun.

Three persons were killed, several hundred injured, about 10,000 made homeless and \$10,000,000 worth of property destroyed by the fire at Chelsea, a suburb of Boston.

Anna Gould has sailed for Europe.

Nearly 5,000 acres of hops have been plowed up in England.

Several Mexican towns have been shaken by an earthquake.

At the Los Angeles hearing Santa Fe officials have admitted race discrimination.

A new copyright treaty has been entered into by the United States and Mexico.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, premier of Great Britain, is growing weaker.

The Portuguese premier has offered his resignation, but the king has refused it.

Massachusetts Republicans have elected unrestrained delegates to the national convention.

Roosevelt may send a special message to congress on the question of the number of battleships to be built.

German building trades employers have disagreed with their workmen and 50,000 of the latter are out of work.

FORTY MILLION BUSHEL.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Make New Record for Wheat. Total 1907 Grain Crop.

Table with 2 columns: Grain, Bushels. Rows include Wheat, Barley, Oats, and Total.

Shipments by Water to April 1

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Shipments East by Rail to April 1

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Stocks on Hand April 1

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Portland, April 14.—With the departure this month of seven chartered ships new loading at Portland, May-June loading, and at least two more steamers will load wheat for the Orient, but the movement has been so rapid this season that May 1 will find the business nearer cleaned up than in any previous "big crop" year.

When the returns are all in for April, it will be found that Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the first time in their history, have shipped (floor included) 40,000,000 bushels of wheat, and still have some on hand to tide over the dull season until the new crop arrives.

The 1907 wheat crop of the three states was a record-breaker by nearly 10,000,000 bushels, reaching a grand total of 58,000,000 bushels, and on account of the good prices prevailing throughout the season, it is estimated to be worth proportionately more than any of its predecessors.

Not only was the wheat crop the largest on record, but barley, which has been steadily increasing in prominence as one of the great staples of the Pacific Northwest, also established a new mark with a crop of nearly 10,000,000 bushels. Oats, exclusive of the crop grown in the La Connor district of Puget Sound, is credited with a yield of 12,000,000 bushels in the three states.

These figures which show a grand total of 80,000,000 bushels of the three leading cereals, are compiled from accurate statistics, kindly supplied by the railroad companies, which moved the big crop and by prominent grain exporters in various parts of the three states. The figures fall short of some of the earlier estimates made on the crops, and naturally are several million bushels smaller than the government figures on east and barley.

Washington's 40,000,000 bushel crop of wheat dwindled to about 35,000,000; that of Oregon was slightly under 18,000,000, and Idaho's was somewhat over 5,000,000 bushels.

WILL GO ABROAD.

President Will Leave Matters Entirely To His Successor.

Washington, April 14.—Should President Roosevelt's present desires be realized, he will spend the first year after his retirement from office in traveling outside the United States.

Mr. Roosevelt's itinerary, however, has not been determined. His plan is to visit some of the rugged and little frequented portions of foreign lands, as well as to travel the beaten track of the tourist.

That the president will indulge in his fondness for hunting big game is believed by those to whom he has confided his intentions.

It was at the recent dinner of the Boone and Crockett Club in this city that the president laid out his intentions for next year. He was told of the opportunities for hunting in Alaska, and urged to arrange for a trip there. This, he said, would furnish him with the plan for foreign travel and would have to be considered, if at all, at some future time.

Mr. Roosevelt is quoted as adding at this time: "If William H. Taft is nominated and elected President, which would be very gratifying, it would make impossible criticism if I were abroad, to the effect that I was dictating to him and being followed, or that I had dictated and had been turned down in my suggestions."

Crushed by Ice Floes.

St. Johns, N. F., April 14.—Bringing tidings of the sinking of the steamer Grand Lake, and the serious injury of several others caught in the grip of ice floes that the steamer New Foundland limped into port today, looking badly.

The Grand Lake was shut up in the relentless jaws of two great ice floes until her sides were crushed. Her crew made their escape. A catch of 20,000 seals went down with the Grand Lake. This cargo was valued at \$150,000 and was insured.

New Emblem for Democracy.

Denver, April 14.—A monster tiger, constructed of paper mache, will welcome the delegates to Denver when they come to the Democratic National Convention July 7. This emblem has been selected instead of the prosaic donkey, as the striped king of the jungle lends himself more readily to the purposes of ornamentation. A special committee of citizens is at work devising plans for the suitable decoration of the city. The decision is to erect a mammoth figure of a tiger at Sixteenth street and Broadway avenue.

Last Link to Atlantic.

Birmingham, Ala., April 14.—The official announcement by the Illinois Central Railroad that the new Birmingham division will be opened for traffic April 19, calls attention to the completion of the last link in the great Harriman transcontinental route, for by controlling the Union Pacific, Illinois Central and Central of Georgia, the system will extend from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Populism Wiped Out.

Topeka, Kan., April 14.—The Populist party in Kansas is officially dead. The Republican state canvassing board has refused its candidates a place on the official ballot because the party at the last state election did not poll 1 per cent of the total vote of the state, as provided by the new primary election law passed in January. The party in 1906 polled fewer than 1200 votes.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

INSTRUCTS ON AMENDMENTS

Miss Cornelia Marvin Gathers Data on Both Sides.

Salem—Miss Cornelia Marvin, secretary of the Oregon Library commission, has been a very effective worker in spreading information regarding the 19 initiative and referendum laws which have been submitted to the people for approval or rejection, in June. She has gathered all the published material she can find on both sides of every question submitted, and has been loaning this material to granges, debating societies and other organizations that will make good use of it. This work has been taken up as a part of the system of debate libraries which Miss Marvin established nearly two years ago. The plan is to provide debating societies with material for discussions of all public questions. In gathering the material Miss Marvin shows no partiality, but includes in the collections everything she can find on either side of every question. The debate libraries are loaned for a period of two weeks, and when returned by one organization are immediately sent out to another.

INSPECTOR DOES THE WORK

Owner of Orchard Must Pay for the Spraying, However.

Salem—County Fruit Inspector E. C. Armstrong has begun a new phase of war upon San Jose scale by hiring a gang of men to go into the orchard of Rev. F. M. George near Liberty, and spray the trees. Heretofore enforcement of the law has consisted of chopping down diseased trees, but that course is pursued only in the case of trees that have been rendered valueless by disease and neglect. The George orchard is one of the most valuable in the vicinity of Liberty, but has become infested with scale. Mr. George sprayed 10 acres, but left 20 acres unsprayed. Mr. Armstrong will have it sprayed and charge the cost to the owner. When the work in this orchard is completed Mr. Armstrong will put the gang at work in other orchards in the vicinity.

Market Day is Big Success.

Baker City—Baker City's first monthly market day was a pronounced success, hundreds of farmers having brought in stock to be sold. Between 11 and 12 o'clock there was a band concert by the Baker Concert band and at 1 o'clock the horse show was held. Hundreds of horses were in the parade. Immediately after the parade was held the public wedding, which was one of the chief attractions, took place. The crowds then went to the public auction, where thousands of dollars' worth of stock was sold. The merchants of the city did an immense business, having made special reductions for the day on all of their goods.

Must Furnish Seats.

Salem—The railroad commission in a decision, which follows in part, censures the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad Co. for their passenger accommodations on the lines from Albany and Corvallis to Yaqina and Toledo.

"It is ordered that the railroad company defendant shall in the future supply sufficient passenger cars so that all passengers leaving Corvallis or Albany westbound and Yaqina and Toledo eastbound may have a seat and that the second-class coach shall be supplied with ventilators.

May Manufacture Sugar.

Eugene—The promotion department of the Eugene Commercial club received a quantity of sugar beet seed from the Pacific Sugar Construction company, which a year ago built a big sugar factory in Glenn county, California, for the purpose of testing the soil of Lane county as to its adaptability to the raising of sugar beets, and if the test is satisfactory steps will at once be taken to induce some sugar manufacturer to build a plant in Eugene. The seed will be distributed among a number of representative farmers.

Opens New Tunnel.

Gold Hill—T. T. Barnard, superintendent of the Tin Pan mines on Galis creek, has been authorized by the company to start a tunnel, and purchase power drills and any other machinery necessary. A ten-stamp mill, with Froe vanners, has been running continuously with day and night shifts since December 19, with a capacity of 30 tons a day. The property is opened by a series of five tunnels on the vein, aggregating over 1,000 feet in length. The new tunnel will open the vein under the apex of the mountains.

Eugene Buys Flights to Decorate.

Eugene—The Eugene Commercial club has arranged to purchase 60 American flags and 60 ornaments, to be used as decoration on Willamette street on special day occasions. The merchants also will add their quota of decorations. The first use of these new flags and ornaments will be for the spring festival of music, to be held in Eugene, April 14 and 15. The flags will belong to the city, and will be displayed on all public occasions.

Invited to Visit President.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has received an invitation from President Roosevelt to attend a dinner at the White House on Tuesday evening, May 12, when there will be an assemblage of governors and other officials to discuss the question of conservation of national resources. Governor Chamberlain hopes to be able to attend, but is afraid that he will be unable to do so, owing to other pressing matters.

Trust Gets Can Factory.

Astoria—The formal transfer of the plant of the Kendall Can Company was made last evening, but the details of the sale cannot be learned here. It is understood that F. P. Kendall, of Portland, who was manager of the local plant, becomes Northwest manager for the American Can Company.

PROTEST LOSS OF RANGE.

Oregon Sheepmen Want Flecks Put Back on Reserves.

Pendleton—Because the number of sheep allotted to the forest reserves of Oregon is 75,000 less this year than last, Umatilla county sheepmen are protesting to the forestry department and application has been made by the state association to permit the same number in the reserves this year as was grazed last year. Cutting down the number to be grazed in the reserves will cause sheepmen to sell under forced conditions since they have no range for the surplus and this they claim is a great injustice in view of the fact that the season promises to be excellent for both sheep and wool.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Wool-growers' association will be held here for the purpose of formulating a formal protest to the department. It is thought the request to graze the same number this year will be granted as the same number was grazed last year from year to year on account of the husbanding of the grass by the forestry department.

Clears Columbia Channel.

The Dalles—The Portland contractors, Wakefield & Jacobson, who have been dredging and otherwise clearing the narrow channel of the Columbia at what is known as Three-Mile rapids, near this city, have completed their work and brought the dredge to The Dalles, where it is now moored. The removal of the rocks and reefs from the portion of the Columbia has cost the government about \$100,000, and has occupied several years, though it could have been finished sooner but for the fact that it could not be carried on the year around, on account of high water. The Columbia is now free from impediments to the Big Eddy, where it connects with the portage road.

Pupils at Reform School.

Salem—The report of D. L. Looney, superintendent of the state reform school, shows that during the past quarter there has been expended as general expenses, \$7,024.93, and from the improvement fund \$114.30. The report, which was read and approved at the meeting of the board, consisting of Governor Chamberlain, Secretary of State Benson and State Treasurer Steel, shows there are 116 pupils in the institution. There were 108 on January 1. Since then 25 have been admitted and 15 discharged. One has escaped and one is on leave of absence.

Work for Clean Dairies.

Marshfield—Mrs. S. A. Younkin, the deputy dairy and food inspector, of this place, is endeavoring to form among the creamery and condensed milk managers an association which will buy milk only from dairymen who keep their dairies clean and use the sanitary measures demanded by the inspector. Any of the creamery men who break the rule will be fined, according to the agreement. Mrs. Younkin has been appointed to have charge of the dairy exhibits at the state fair.

Mileage Book Hearing April 25.

Salem—In accordance with a stipulation between the parties to the contest, the Oregon Railroad commission has fixed April 25 as the date for the hearing upon the application of the Travelers' Protective association for establishment of a straight 2 1/2-cent rate for mileage books on the principal routes in Oregon. The hearing will be commenced at the office of the commission in the state house at 11 o'clock a. m.

Build Larger Grandstand.

Salem—The state fair board has ordered an addition to the grand stand at the fair grounds race track, increasing the seating capacity 60 per cent. The grand stand will be extended forward from the present front so that the front row of seats will be on the line of the race track. W. E. McKinroy was chosen musical director for the fair of 1908.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 84c; bluestem, 87c; valley, 85c; red, 82c 50 per ton; rolled, 82c 25 per ton; brewing, 82c. Oats—No. 1 white, 26.50 per ton; gray, 26c. Corn—Whole, 33.50; cracked, 33.50. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, 17 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, 17.50 per ton; clover, 14c; cheat, 11.50; grain hay, 11.40 per ton. Fruit—Apples, 11c 3/4 per box, according to quality; cranberries, 18c 11 per barrel. Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c 90c per dozen; asparagus, 9c per pound; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/4c per pound; cauliflower, 50c 61c; celery, 4.50c 6.50c per crate; parsley, 25c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 20c per pound; radishes, 25c per bushel; rutabaga, 42c 2.25 per crate; spinach, 85c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 16c 1 1/4c per pound. Onions—Oregon 44.25c 45.50 per hundred. Potatoes—45c 55c per hundred, delivered Portland. Butter—Average creamery, 27 1/2c per pound. Poultry—Fancy old hens, 14c 15c per pound; mixed chickens, 13c; spring chickens, 16c 20c; turkeys, live, 16c 18c; dressed, choice, 17c 18c; geese, live, 9c; ducks, 16c 17c; pigeons, 75c 81c; squabs, 1.50c 2.25c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 18c per dozen. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 85c 90c; 125 to 150 pounds, 75; 150 to 200 pounds, 65c 85c. Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 7c 7 1/2c; packers, 6c 6 1/2c. Hops—1907, prime and choice, 45c 50c per pound; olds, 1 1/4c per pound. Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 12c 15c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 16c 18c, according to quality; mohair, choice, 25c per pound. Casaca Bark—3c per pound.

FLAMES DEVOUR CHEF'S PA.

Boston Suburb Swept by Fire—Four Bodies Found.

Boston, Mass., April 13.—Fire yesterday devastated the manufacturing, tenement and retail sections of Chelsea, burning over one square mile of territory and leveling many of the city's best structures. Late last night four bodies had been recovered from the ruins. The fire started at 10:40 a. m. and was not under control until 9 p. m., notwithstanding that half of the Boston fire department's strength and steamers from a dozen other cities and towns went to the aid of the Chelsea brigades.

The fire originated in the rear of the Boston Blacking Company's works on West Third street, near the eastern division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, in close proximity to the Everett City line. A terrific gale from the northwest, which at times had a velocity of 60 miles an hour, carried burning shingles, embers and myriads of sparks to a score of wooden buildings, most of them of cheap construction.

The fire started almost from the extreme southwest section of the city, and cut a path to the end of the block street at the extreme southeast end of the city, which borders Chelsea Creek. This is about one and a half miles from where the fire began. The flames spread through the rear of the retail business section, which was about midway between the two extreme limits reached by the fire.

Among the structures destroyed were 13 churches, two hospitals, the Public Library, City Hall, five schoolhouses, 20 business blocks, nearly a score of factories, and upward of 200 tenements and dwelling houses.

Among the places burned were: Frost Hospital, Children's Hospital, Fitz Public Library, St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church, Central street, First Baptist Church, Central avenue, Centing Unitarian Church, Hawthorne street, St. Luke's Catholic Church (old building), Hawthorne street, First Methodist Episcopal Church, Carey avenue, Elm street, St. James' Episcopal Church, Synagogue, Chelsea, Presbyterian Church, People's Afro-Methodist Episcopal Church, Fourth street, Universalist Church, Second Adventist Church, New England Telephone & Telegraph Company's central office; Austin & Young's cracker factory; Chapin & Soden Car Company's shops; Rosenthal Bros' three-story rag-picking factory; the Tide Oil Company's three immense tanks near the east end of Margin street.

St. Rose's Roman Catholic Church, Broadway, lost \$25,000; St. Rose Roman Catholic school, loss \$40,000; State Army, loss \$100,000; Sacred Heart convent, loss \$49,000; Y. M. C. A. building, loss \$75,000; Boston Elevated Railroad station and barn loss \$150,000; Chelsea Savings Bank, Chelsea Savings Bank, Chelsea Trust Company, the Providence Co-operation Bank.

The funds of all these banks with the exception of the County Savings Bank are still in the vaults. The money and securities of the County Bank were taken to Boston before the fire reached the building.

CALL JAPAN TO ACCOUNT.

Roosevelt Will Demand Facts Abut Mukden Affair.

Washington, April 13.—The attack on Consul-General Straight and the party of guests, arriving last day by a postman has stirred the administration to action. It is regarded as a much more serious affair than appears upon the surface, and prompt action will undoubtedly be taken to obtain the reparation that Japan has so far refused.

A conference upon the subject was held at the White House late tonight by President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Taft and Secretary Root. It was assumed at the conference that Mr. Straight had made a report of the incident to Minister Rockhill, at Peking, and that Mr. Rockhill would communicate the facts to the State Department without delay.

To insure his doing so, cable messages were sent tonight to both Mr. Rockhill and Mr. Straight asking for all the facts. A reply is expected tomorrow. A prominent cabinet officer said tonight:

"I don't think I am betraying any secret when I say that the decision to send the fleet to the Pacific was largely determined by the insufferable tactics of the Japanese in official intercourse."

Desire No Race-Riots.

San Francisco, April 13.—Speakers at the monthly meeting of the Asiatic Exclusion League, held yesterday afternoon in the hall of the San Francisco Labor Council, roundly scolded those who have been disseminating reports that the league expected to accomplish its purposes by inciting riots in the various cities and in San Francisco when the battleship fleet arrives. Those stories, which emanated from Vancouver, and which caused Chief Biggs to investigate the organization, were branded as falsehoods.

Railroad Pays Half the Loss.

Helena, Mont., April 13.—Residents of Big Timber, Mont., the town which was almost entirely destroyed by the fire last month, have been notified by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company that they will be paid 50 cents on the dollar to cover their losses. This action is taken from the fact that the disastrous fire which left hundreds of people homeless, was started by a spark from a Northern Pacific locomotive. The decision is not the outgrowth of civil suits, but is a voluntary action on the part of the railroad officials.

Student Slays Governor.

Lemberg, April 13.—Count Andreas Potok, Governor of the Austro-Polish province of Galicia, was assassinated this afternoon by a student, Miroslaw Sjoszynski by name, while giving an audience to a delegation of students when the latter fired three shots from a revolver, all of which took effect. The governor died soon afterward, but first asked his secretary to inform his majesty at once. "Tell him," said the dying man, "I was his faithful servant."

Sixty-nine Days in Trance.

Los Angeles, April 13.—Mrs. Beniah Hawkins, the woman who fell into a cataleptic trance on February 11, will tomorrow enter the 69th day of her sleep. Her condition is apparently unchanged.

NO FREE FRANCHISE

President Opposes Giving Away Water Right's.

SUGGESTS LINES OF NEW POLICY

Development of Water Power Rapidly Becoming Monopoly—Would Require Payment and Use.

Washington, April 14.—In a special message today vetoing a dam bill, President Roosevelt warned congress that there are pending in this session bills which propose to give away without price—stream rights capable of developing 1,300,000 horse-power, whose production would cost annually 25,000,000 tons of coal; urging in vigorous terms the establishment of a policy such as the illustrating minority in the house demands, which would safeguard the granting of bridge and dam privileges and require the grantees to pay for them; and definitely announcing a future policy on his part with regard to prompt utilization of construction privileges by refusing his signature to a bill that gives an additional three years to the Rainy River Improvement Company within which to build a dam in the Rainy River.

Rainy river is the outlet of Rainy lake, and forms part of the boundary between Minnesota and Canada. It discharges into Lake of the Woods, is about 100 miles long and is navigable.

"I do not believe," says the President, "that natural resources should be granted and held in undeveloped condition, either for speculative or other reasons. So far as I am aware, there are no assurances that the grantees (in this case) are in any better condition promptly and properly to utilize this opportunity than they were at the time of the original act granting the privilege ten years ago."

SAN DIEGO GREET'S FLEET.

California's Most Southerly Seaport in Gala Attire.

San Diego, Cal., April 14.—Pete days for the American battleship fleet will begin today when the 16 battleships of the navy's most notable cruise came anchor off Coronado beach, two miles from San Diego. San Diego is crowded with visitors and sightseers and never before in the history of the city has there been such an elaborate decoration of streets and buildings. Every day the broad thoroughfares are a mass of colors, the red, white and blue of the nation being mingled with the yellow and white, typifying the Golden State—California.

Triumphant arches have been erected at many street intersections and immense signs that burn the hospitable word "welcome" through the darkness of the night are among the many features of the elaborate scheme of decoration.

Governor Gillette, accompanied by his entire staff and a distinguished party of guests, arrived last day by three special cars. Governor Gillette and his party were met by the three special cars. Governor Gillette and his party were met by the three special cars.

NEW ENGLISH CABINET.

Old Men Dead Peers and Younger Men Promoted.

London, April 14.—Official announcement was made tonight of the new Cabinet appointments and they are identical with the forecast made by the Daily Chronicle a few days ago and announced in these dispatches, as follows:

Herbert Asquith, Premier and First Lord of the Treasury.

David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Lord Tweedmouth, President of the Council.

Earl of Crews, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Rosalind McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Winston Spencer Churchill, President of the Board of Trade.

Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Education.

To Investigate Whales.

Dunkirk, France, April 14.—The Jacques Cartier, bearing the polar expedition under command of Lieutenant Benard, sailed from here yesterday. The primary object of the expedition is to investigate the theory that whales, which are now disappearing off New Foundland, have sought refuge in that Arctic sea, the Arctic Ocean, that is always free of ice, and other scientific investigations, also will be made. The vessel carries a complete equipment for oceanography and meteorological analyses, supplied by Prince Monaco.

Receiver for Lumber Company.

Spokane, Wash., April 14.—Judge Woods of Wallace has appointed Fred B. Morrill of Spokane receiver for the B. R. Lewis Lumber company of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and also for the Idaho & Northern Railway. Mr. Morrill is general counsel for both companies. Neither company is mortgaged or incumbered with bonded indebtedness. The receivership may last only a few months. The Exchange National bank of Spokane caused the receivership move by suing the lumber company and railroad.

Tramping Was a Failure.

San Francisco, April 14.—The call of the road ended in attempted suicide early this morning for Frank Willis, a 14-year-old lad, who beat his way on the brakebeams to this city from Vancouver, British Columbia. Dismal, travel, weary, hungry and without friends, Willis, after tramping the streets for hours, invented his last quarter in a room at the Hotel Filmore, a cheap lodging house, where he turned on the gas and tossed himself on the bed to die.

Flood Drowns 2,000 Chinamen.

Shanghai, April 14.—Disastrous floods are reported to have occurred at Hankow, in the Province of Hu. It is stated that 2000 persons have been drowned. Seven hundred junks were sunk. The floods are said to be due to an unexpected freshet. The water caught the people unexpectantly in the middle of the night.

CONDITION WORRIES DOCTORS.

Admiral Evans Very Sick Man and Recovery Will Be Slow.

Paso Robles, Cal., April 10.—Mrs. Robley D. Evans and her daughter, Mrs. Charlotte G. Marsh, arrived here shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and joined Rear Admiral Evans at his greatly, and it is believed, will have a good effect.

While his rheumatism has almost disappeared as