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.

Mexican troops are moving to the Guatemala frontier.

More than 2,000 preachers in California will speak against race track gambling next Sunday.

A surgeon general of the navy is having great success in treating consumption with mercury.

Two bags of valuable mail from London, worth $500,000, were stolen in New York or in transit.

Ambassador Tower has given up his Berlin home and will start south with his family immediately.

San Francisco shipowners are cutting freight rates to the Orient in an attempt to drive out tramp steamers.

A city councilman of Georgetown, Wash., was arrested for keeping his place of business, a saloon, open on Sunday.

Local option which goes into effect May 1 in Massachusetts will throw about 2,000 saloon men out of work.

Latest reports of the sinking of the British cruiser Gladiator place the total casualties at five dead and 23 missing.

Extra passenger trains aggregating about 250 coaches will be run into San Francisco during the battleship visit.

Spring rains and melting snow caused a landslide in the province of Quebec, Canada, which destroyed a village and killed about 30 persons.

Santa Barbara, Cal., gave a flower Santa Barbara, Cal., gave a flower festival in honor of the battleship fleet and bombarded them with bouquets.

Admiral Evans took an auto ride and is feeling much improved.

The boycott of Japanese goods by Chinese has extended to Australia.

The supreme court of Illinois declares the new local option law valid.

Pensacola street car strikers stoned the car barns and several arrests were made.

Lieutenant General Linevitch, who managed the Russian retreat from Mukden, is dead.

Representative Rayner, of Maryland, says it is time to curb the power of the president.

The Independence league of New York is practically bankrupt and its creditors threaten suit.

King Edward says of the dead premier: "He was a faithful servant of his country. I am truly sorry he has gone."

The Illinois democracy has instructed its delegates to vote for Bryan and use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

General Manager Gruber of the Great Northern, estimates that the damage to that road by the bursting of the Hauser lake dam was about $75,000.

Los Angeles will take about 3300 men of the battleship fleet on a tour of the city. Then they will have a barbecue luncheon and see the wild west show.

Widespread rains are causing great joy to California farmers.

It is reported that threats have been made on the life of Abe Ruef.

Sudden warm weather is causing great damage in Alaska from floods.

Four million oysters were destroyed by striking fishermen at Cancale, France.

A bunco man who has been robbing women has been arrested in Oakland.

Four masked robbers held up a fashionable club at Hot Springs, Ark., and got away with $10,000.

All the regular army troops in the vicinity of Seattle will participate in the welcome of battleships at that port.

Mrs. Beulah Hawkins of Los Angeles, has now been asleep 78 days, and there is apparently no change in her condition.

Eight consecutive witnesses in the Ford bribery trial testified that Gallagher paid them money to vote for the overhead trolley franchise.

Roman Catholics of the United States will raise a fund of one million dollars to educate candidates for the priesthood and aid poor parishes.

An attempt was made to assassinate ex-Supervisor Gallagher, of San Francisco, by blowing up his house with a bomb. No one was injured.

Russian forces have repulsed the Kurds who had them surrounded.

Saloon forces were generally successful in the recent local option fight.

Two dry kilns of the Seaside Lumber Company were destroyed by fire. Loss $20,000.

A St. Louis councilman has been convicted of bribery and sentenced to two years in the pen.

Partners in an Idaho mine quarreled and fought a revolver duel, in which one was killed.

Superior Judge Cook, of San Francisco, has asked to be excused from trying the California Safe Deposit cases.

A movement has begun to release Harry K. Thaw from the insane asylum.

Kansas courts have quashed indictments against H. H. Tucker, the oil company swindler.

The house has ordered an inquiry into the paper trust and a commission has been appointed.

Minister Wu Ting Fang says he had nothing to do with starting the boycott against American goods.

T. J. Ryan of San Francisco, testified that part of $500,000 used in the crooked ferry deal, went to politicians.

AIDS DEPOSITORS.

Convicted Banker Tells Where Securities Are Hidden

San Francisco, April 29.—J. Dalzell Brown, vice president and manager of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, who is under sentence of 18 months in San Quintin for embezzling securities held in trust by the Trust Company, today gave information to E. J. Le Breton, receiver of the bank, which will add $1,000,000 to the fund for the depositors. He also told facts to the receiver and to Assistant District Attorney Hoff Cook, which had the effect of causing Le Breton to decide to keep the El Dorado Lumber Company, the Carnegie Brick Works and the glass works at Stockton going at a profit for the benefit of the depositors.

That Brown's information relating to the whereabouts of securities which will give $1,000,000 more to the depositors is believed to be correst was vouched for by Cook and by Hiram Johnson, attorney for Brown. They expressed themselves as sanguine that the receiver would secure possession of the property, which is Western Pacific stock of the value of $1,000,000 at par, and in another year or 18 months the stock will have a definite market value.

Brown also gave up the cipher code book used by himself, Walter J. Bartnett and John and James Treadwell. This code was secret and original, each of its owners having a copy. Cook said unhesitatingly that it contained the key to letters which had been in possession of Brown, to whom they were written by Bartnett and the Treadwells. The letters are now in the safe of the District Attorney's office.

SAILORS DANCE.

Chief Amusement for Navy While at Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara, Cal., April 29.—There were no fixed features on Santa Barbara's entertainment program in honor of the Atlantic battleship fleet today, the officers and men being largely allowed to pursue their own ways. Many of the latter went to Los Angeles to spend the day, and will over-stay their leaves, which expire at 1 a. m.

The amusements offered the bluejackets in Santa Barbara are naturally rather meager, owing to the size of the city, and consist largely of flying horses, shooting galleries and a large variety of catch-penny affairs, brought here for the occasion.

Dancing on the canvas-covered asphalton, the ocean boulevard, each evening, is the only picturesque feature of the bluejackets' entertainment. They seem to enjoy it hugely, however, and when the available supply of eligible girls gives out they dance with each other. It is no easy task to provide partners for 1000 or more dancing sailors.

For the officers today, there was a garden party and in the evening a dance. A number of luncheons and tea parties on the battleship were given to the junior officers.

WRECKAGE ASHORE.

Large Sailing Vessel Probably Lost Off Northwest Coast.

Victoria, B. C., April 29.—The steamer Tees, from the Vancouver Island coast, brings further information concerning the wreckage recently washed ashore near Carmanah, Roby Daykin, who investigated the wreckage, was among the passengers of the steamer. He says there is no doubt that the wreckage found is new. There was neither slime nor barnicles, nothing of the growth which soon accumulates.

Since the finding of the wreckage previously reported, a large amount of empty cases, whisky cases and others, have been found in the vicinity of Nitinak. Stanley Wood, a timber cruiser who came from the vicinity of Nitinah, said there was an unusual amount of these cases recently washed ashore.

Daykin says the wreckage seemed positively to indicate that some large sailing vessel, a ship or a bark had met with disaster.

Three trunks found on the rocks westward of Carmanah Point were of the usual American pattern, wood covered with tin. They were broken and empty.

Jury Still Incomplete.

San Francisco, April 29.—The beginning of the fourth week in the work of selecting 12 men to try Abraham Ruef on one of the 117 indictments returned against him by the grand jury, charging the former political boss of San Francisco with bribery, finds the jury still incomplete with nine men in the box accepted and sworn. One of the veniremen examined today did not know what the word accomplice meant, while another was challenged by Mr. Heney on the ground that his moral character was such that he was not fit to be a juror.

Battle With Knives.

Reno, Nev., April 29—A fight with knives took place today back of the University grounds in which two Indians, one Chilean and one Mexican were the principals. Henry Simbron the Chilean, is lying at death's door at the city hospital with 16 deep wounds; Ed Gallalas, Mexican, received many but not dangerous wounds; John Skimmerhorn, an Indian boy, was badly cut about the legs, and Pete Lewis is painfully cut. Lewis, who is a one-armed Indian, did frightful execution with his knife and suffered least of all from cuts.

Life Is All a Gamble.

Dublin, April 29.—Discussing American politics, Richard Croker, once boss of Tammany hall, today gave it as his opinion that Governor Hughes' indorsement by New York is merely complimentary. "Mr. Hughes' anti-gambling attitude," he said, "will injure him undoubtedly in his own state. "Why can't such men keep out of that rut? Isn't life all a gamble? But they select the part of the gamble that's pleasant and propose to penalize it.

Go to Work to Save Mine.

Johnstown, Pa., April 29.—Under orders from Patrick Gilday, president of district No. 2, several hundred striking miners of the South Fork Coal Company returned to work today in an effort to save the mines from heavy losses from water and a probable permanent suspension.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

LA GRANDE RAISES $3,300.

Sum Subscribed in a Few Minutes to Boom the Town..

La Grande—This city went on record tonight as heartily in favor of assuming all the germs of boost possible when it subscribed in a few minutes the sum of $3300, and in addition secured a membership subscription of 125 to a reorganized commercial club at $1 each.

Not satisfied with raising that amount for boosting, the meeting passed a resolution to canvass the city so thoroughly tomorrow morning that the figures will be brought up to $6000 for the year, and a committee was appointed to do this.

This sudden burst of enthusiasm, backed up by financial support, was primed and shot off through the efforts of Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, who this afternoon raised $600 at Elgin for the same purpose. He goes to Union and Cove tomorrow.

IDEAL CONDITIONS.

Lake County Has Open Winter and Early Spring.

Lakeview—After the most open winter that southeastern Oregon has ever experienced this section is now enjoying a spring that insures wealth to her people. At no time during the past winter did the thermometer in Lake county register a temperature below zero, and most of the time balmy spring-like weather prevailed. There were but few flurries of snow, and these melted away before a warm sun. The result was that but little feeding was required, stock generally finding excellent range during the entire winter, and the end of winter finds sufficient feed on hand to tide the stock interests through a hard winter, even if no hay should be put up this season.

On the desert sheep men have reported an ideal winter, with just enough snow to furnish water for stock, and with plenty of feed to put sheep in excellent condition. As the vast desert lying east of Goose Lake Valley is the feeding-ground for the thousands of head of sheep that constitute a large portion of the wealth of Lake county, a winter like the one just ended means an addition to the profit column.

Since the new year began there has been but little rain and practically no snow. Crops of every kind were put in early, and already there is an excellent growth in everything that depends upon spring weather.

Saloon Issue in Marion.

Salem—County Clerk R. D. Allen today completed checking upon the signatures on the Marion County local option petition and found the petition to be in due form and signed by several hundred more voters than the law requires. The saloon question will therefore be submitted to the voters of Marion county June 1. As there will be no fight on any of the county offices and there is no interest in any of the state contests except that for senator, it is certain that the saloon question will be the center of much attention.

Socialists Adopt Platform.

Medford—The Socialist party of Jackson county has nominated a full ticket for county offices and adopted its platform, which follows the national platform of that party. The nominees are to make their campaign here on measures demanding a full assessment of property with a $500 exemption law. The levying of a special tax for building roads, construction of electric roads, an eight-hour-day law, enforcement of the child labor law and the enfranchisement of women are demanded.

Rename Medford Streets.

Medford—Medford's streets which were originally named from the letters of the alphabet, will now be known by horticultural names. The list now reads: Riverside, Apple, Bartlett, Central avenue, D'Anjou, Evergreen, Fir, Grape, Holly, Ivy, King, Oakdale avenue, Laurel, Mistletoe, Newtown, Orange, Peach, Quince and Rose. The East Side streets are to be known as Walnut, Almond, Blossom, Cherry and Manzanita.

Eugene Coming to Fiesta.

Eugene—The Eugene Commercial Club tonight decided to have Eugene represented at the Portland Rose Carnival in June by 148 men in march and drill. Each man will wear a white serge suit, white shoes and hat and carry a lemon-yellow and green umbrella bearing the words, "Eugene, Lane County." A special excursion will be run from Eugene and a great crowd will attend the carnival.

Free Delivery for Grants Pass.

Grants Pass—Grants Pass may soon have a free delivery system. Postmaster Donnell gives figures showing the receipts for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1908, to be over $11,000. This is an increase of $2000 over last year's business. The city council has under consideration an ordinance outlining the numbering of houses. This increase can only be justified by the increase in the population.

Eugene Will Own Water Plant.

Eugene—At a municipal election Saturday the proposition to purchase the Willamette Valley Company's waterworks carried by 635 to 125, and the proposition to vote $300,000 bonds for a municipal water plant carried by 567 to 171. The bonds were voted at several previous elections, but each time the election was declared illegal on account of technicalities.

Track Laid to Dorris.

Klamath Falls—Track laying was completed on the California Northeastern to Dorris yesterday. This new town is just south of the Oregon line and 11 miles from the steamboat landing on the Klamath river. Regular train service will be established May 1.

85 Acres $8,500.

Eugene—The M. Levinger farm, situated three miles east of Springfield, was sold to W. M. Beals, of Porterville, Cal., for $20,000. The W. M. Kerr farm, situated in the Santa Clara district sold for $8500. it contained 85 acres.

MUST SPRAY ORCHARDS.

Fruit Commissioner Reid Will Make Owners Obey Law

Oregon City—J. H. Reid, of Milwaukie, fruit commissioner for the First Oregon District, has announced his intention of cleaning up the pest-afflicted orchards of Clackamas county, along the tracks of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company and the Southern Pacific Company, and will hold a conference with County Fruit Inspector A. J. Lewis and District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges, for the purpose of carefully laying plans to force the owners of diseased orchards to either spray their trees or cut them down.

"Marion and Yamhill counties have obeyed the law," said Mr. Reid, "and it is up to Clackamas to do the same. It is a strong and forceful argument that hundreds and perhaps thousands of homeseekers come from the east through California, and, after traveling through the southern portion of Oregon and then through Lane, Linn and Marion counties, come to Clackamas and here are confronted by the spectacle of scale-infested trees, hundred of acres of them, absolutely of no value to the owners or to any one else."

COMPLAINS OF RATES.

Eugene Mill Finds Railroad Tariffs Have Doubled.

Salem—J. M. Shelley, of Eugene, manager of the Eugene Mill & Elevator Co., has protested against a recent raise of nearly 100 per cent in certain local freight rates in that part of the state. He encloses a shipping receipt showing that he pays a rate of 23 cents per 100 pounds on wheat and oats from Eugene to Yoncalla, 44 miles, which rate, he says, is excessive, unjust and unreasonable. Prior to January 1, 1907, the rate was 14 cents. The rate for a little longer distance, as, for instance, from Eugene to Roseburg, is now 31 cents, whereas the former rate was 15 cents. This is an increase of over 100 per cent.

The railroad commission will investigate.

McMinnville Cleaning Up.

McMinnville—The days intervening between now and May 1 will be, according to common consent "clean-up" days in this city, the ladies taking the lead in the work. Mayor Macy today appointed 19 committees, each committee consisting of three ladies, to have supervision over 19 districts of the city, and each committee empowered by the leap-year privilege to persuade each property owner to beautify his lawn, repair his sidewalk or paint his dwelling if it needs it, and above all, to remove any unsanitary rubbish.

Board Inspects Normal.

Ashland—The new state board of normal school examiners, composed of Superintendents Powers, of Salem; Churchill, of Baker City, and Turner, of Grants Pass, completed its first official visit to the state normal school at Ashland today. The members spent two days in a most rigid inspection of the institution, its equipment and the work it is doing, so as to be prepared to make recommendations to the legislative assembly as provided by law.

Lambing Successful

Baker City—The sheepraising industry is one of the important resources of Baker county, and the sheepmen have reason to rejoice this year because of the successful lambing season. Conditions have been most favorable throughout the season and the percentage of loss has been very small. The range is in excellent condition and the sheep are thriving wonderfully.

Fruit Nipped in Douglas

Roseburg—Douglas County fruitgrowers are much concerned as to the extent of the damage caused by last night's frost. From some sections the report comes that the pears, peaches, cherries and other early fruits will be a total loss while in other sections the growers are as yet unable to say just how much damage they have suffered from this severe frost.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 84c per bushel; red Russian, 82c; bluestem, 87c; valley, 85c.

Barley—Feed, $24.50 per ton; rolled, $27@28; brewing, $26.

Oats—No. 1 white, $26.50@27 per ton; gray, $26.

Millstuffs—Bran, $24.50 per ton; middlings, $27.50; shorts, country, $27.50; city, $27; wheat and barley chop, $27.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $17 per ton; Willamette Valley, ordinary, $15; Eastern Oregon, $17.50; mixed, $16; clover, $14; alfalfa, $12; alfalfa meal, $20.

Butter—Extras, 27½c per pound; fancy 26c; choice, 25c; store, 16½c.

Eggs—Loss and commission off, 16½@17c per dozen.

Cheese—Fancy cream twins, 15½c per pound; cream brick, 20c; Swiss blk., 20c; limburger, 22½c.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 13c per lb.; fancy hens, 14@14½c; roosters, old, 8c; fryers, lb., 20c; broilers, lb., 22½@25c; dressed poultry per pound, 1c higher.

Potatoes—Select, selling price, 70c per hundred; Willamette Valley, buying price, 45c per hundred; East Multnomah, buying price, 55c; Clackamas, buying price, 55c per hundred; new California, 5@5½c per pound; sweet, 5½c per pound.

Onions—Job price, $4.75@5 per hundred; buying price, $4.25@4.50 per hundred; garlic, 15c per pound.

Apples—Select, $2.50 per box; fancy, $2; choice, $1.50; ordinary, $1.25.

Fresh Fruits—Oranges, $2.50@3 per box; lemons, $2.75@3.50.

Cattle—Best steers, $4.75@5; medium, $4.25@4.75; common, $3.50@4; cows, best, $3.75@4; common, $3.25@3.75; calves, $4@4.50.

Sheep—Best wethers, $6@6.50; ewes, $5@5.50; spring lambs, nominal.

Hogs—Best, $6@6.25; medium, $5.75@6; feeders, $5.25@5.50.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4@6c per pound; olds, 1@1½c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 11@15c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 12@15c, according to quality.

Mohair—Choice, 20@20½c per pound.

GREATEST IN HISTORY.

Great Conference to Be Held at White House in June

Washington, April 28.—When President Roosevelt calls to order the opening session of the great White House conference on May 13, there will be gathered in the East Room of the Executive Mansion the most notable assemblage of men in the public eye that has ever met in the history of the United States.

The governors of all the states have signified their intention of being present at this conference, and each will bring with him three men, carefully chosen from among the learned of his state, to act as advisers in the convention. Besides the governors and their advisers, representatives of all the important national organizations, the welfare of which depends in greater or less degree upon natural resources, will be in attendance, and further, the president has invited five special guests, chosen for their superlative fitness, to act as "advisers at large" to the conference.

Grover Cleveland, the only living ex-President of the United States, will, health permitting, be one of these advisers. The others will be William J. Bryan, who hopes to be president; Andrew Carnegie, industrial king; James J. Hill, railroad monarch, and John Mitchell, leader of labor. Every candidate or the presidential nomination this year with the exception of Secretary Taft, whose duties in Panama will prevent attendance, will be there.

Looking at the meeting purely from its historical side, it properly may be said that never before in the country's history have the governors of all the states assembled in convention for any purpose whatsoever. Considered simply as an epoch-marking event the conference will easily take rank with any assembly of public men ever held in the civilized world, for at this meeting the entire government of the United States, in the persons of that government's heads, will be assembled at one time. If for no other reason, the public will be interested in the conference because of this fact.

SECURES FORTUNE.

Senator Gets Half Million for Settling Big Estate.

Seattle, Wash., April 28.—United States Senator Samuel Piles, of this city, yesterday was given possession of a one-half interest of the John Sullivan estate, valued approximately at $1,000,000. This ends a litigation that has extended over a period of eight years and which has been prolific in having the history of the Sullivan family in Ireland well aired in the various courts of this state.

Eight years ago John Sullivan, a prominent citizen of Seattle, owner of one of the biggest business blocks in the city, and suburban and rural properties, died leaving no will. Claimants sprang from everywhere, although Sullivan had no relatives so far as known in this country.

Senator Piles, who was a friend of Sullivan, went to Ireland to investigate. Graves were examined, church records scanned, and finally the true relatives of Sullivan were located. They agreed to give Senator Piles one-half of the estate to defend it against the many litigants who were endeavoring to secure a slice of the valuable property. Edward Corcoran and Johanna Callighan, since deceased, of Dublin, Ireland, were declared the rightful heirs. Senator Piles' law firm will also be rewarded as well as the senator for bringing this fight, the most remarkable of its kind in this state, to an end.

$1,800 to the Pan.

Seattle, April 28.—P. T. Rowe, bishop of the Episcopal church for the territory of Alaska, who arrived in the city today from the north on the Yucatan, brings the first detailed authentic information regarding the big gold strike on Nolan Creek, at the head of the Koyukuk river. Bishop Rowe was in the Nolan Creek camp when the strike was made and washed out $500 pans on the Olson claim with his own hands and saw pans washed out that ran as high as $1800. Nolan Creek is only about 200 miles from the Arctic ocean and there were only about 125 men in the camp when Bishop Rowe left for the outside.

The strike was made at a depth of about 150 feet and about $4000 has been washed by crude operations, and it is estimated the clean-up at the end of this summer will reach $1,000,000.

Improves Rapidly

Paso Robles Hot Springs, Cal., April 28.—Rear Admiral Evans continues to improve. Today he enjoyed an automobile ride to Old Mission San Miguel, nine miles from Paso Robles Hot Springs. He was accompanied by Mrs. Evans, Dr. McDonald and James Horsburgh, Jr., general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific. Flag Lieutenant C. R. Train, Lieutenant Evans and Mrs. Marsh, daughter of the admiral, left Paso Robles today to attend the festival at Santa Barbara.

Catch Italian Robbers.

Reno, Nev., April 28.—Servante Davis and Salvatore Luhano, two Italian confidence men now held in the county jail for robbing a countryman of $1000 in gold after drugging him, are now believed to be the same men who committed similar crimes in San Francisco at Twenty-ninth and Mission streets, securing $450; San Jose, securing $600; Los Angeles securing $900, and Victoria, B. C., where $1400 was stolen, L. Dondero, Luhano's partner, was taken to Victoria for the last crime, but Luhono escaped. The information came from San Francisco

Struck Gas; Two Dead.

Las Vegas, N. M., April 28.—Mrs. Zachary Taylor Cooper went out to call her sons to supper last night and found them dead at the bottom of a 60-foot well. Digging for water on their dry land farm, seven miles east of Watrons, they had struck a flow of natural gas and suffocated without a sound. A message was sent here for a physician, but the order was cancelled before he could start, for it was realized nothing could be done.

Severe Storm ing England.

London, April 28.—A remarkable blizzard, the worst experienced in the south of England since 1881, continued practically all over the United Kingdom throughout Friday night and Saturday until Saturday midnight. Telegraph and telephone service was disorganized and railway traffic has been seriously delayed. Enormous damage has been done, especially to the young fruit crops.

PRESIDENT WINS DAY

Senate's Action on Naval Bill Is Practically a Victory.

GETS TWO BATTLESHIPS A YEAR

Declares This Places United States in Front Rank in Regards to Naval Progress.

Washington, April 28.—Two battleships a year is what President Roosevelt says he has accomplished through his fight for his naval program. Had he been victorious in having four ships authorized at this session, the United States could have dictated terms of disarmament to the nations of the world.

This statement, made tonight, following the passage by the senate today of the naval bill, calling for two new battleships, is understood to reveal the president's source of strength in the naval fight which has been waged so strenuously.

Furthermore, two ships this year with the promise of two ships each year to follow, which the president has accepted as a bona fide stipulation on the part of the senate, means simply a program which will place the United States in the front rank of naval progression, but which fails to place it in the position of dictating a cessation of naval aggression.

That the president, on the whole, is pleased with the result of his efforts with congress on this subject, was made manifest tonight; that he firmly believes in the ability of the United States to dictate the naval policy of the world in the future, though overwhelmingly outstripping us in naval construction.

PRESIDENT TALKS STRAIGHT.

Warns Congress Against Abuses of Judicial System

Washington, April 28.—President Roosevelt this afternoon sent to congress a special message setting forth in the strongest of terms the necessity of immediate legislation strengthening the anti-trust law. He reiterates his well-known views as to the grave danger to free institutions from the corrupting influence of great wealth suddenly concentrated in the hands of the few, and urges the immediate passage of measures similar to those he advocated in his former message on the same subject.

Such legislation, he says, will be in the interest of both the decent corporations and the law-abiding labor unions. In this connection, he sounds a warning to the labor leaders who have objected to the inclusion of labor organizations in the anti-trust law amendment, and says plainly that the exception of the unions from the operation of the law would render the measure invalid.

A strong effort has been made to have labor organizations completely exempted from the operations of the law, whether or not their operations are in restraint of trade. Such exemption would make the bill unconstitutional. It is not possible wholly to exempt labor organizations from the workings of this law, and they who insist upon wholly exempting them are merely providing that their status shall be kept wholly unchanged, and that they shall continue to be exposed to the action which they now dread.

Obviously an organization not formed for profit should not be required to furnish statistics in any way as complete as those furnished by organizations for profit. Moreover, so far as labor is engaged in protection only, its claims to be exempted from the anti-trust law are sound. This would substantially cover the right of laborers to combine, to strike peaceably and to enter into trade agreements with employers. But when labor undertakes in an unlawful manner to prevent the distribution and sale of the products of labor it has left the fold of protection and its action may be plainly in restraint of interstate trade.

New Consumption Cure

Washington, April 28.—A preliminary report on the treatment of tuberculosis by the administration of mercury has been made to the Surgeon-General by Surgeon Wright, of the navy, who has been conducting investigations at the Naval Hospital at Fort Lyon, Colo. In commenting on this report, Medical Inspector C. T. Hibbett said the subject is engaging much attention by officers on duty at the hospital and the treatment is being applied personally by surgeons.

Cut Rates to Orient.

San Francisco, April 28.—With a view of driving tramp steamers from this port a radical reduction of freight rates on flour and grain for over-sea ports, such as Chinese and Japanese, is to be put in effect immediately on all principal lines running out of San Francisco. It is agreed among the ship owners that the rate on flour will be reduced from $3 to $2 for shipment from this port to Hongkong and Japan, and that the rate on flour from this port to Singapore will be reduced from $4.75 to $3.50.

Sermons Against Racing.

San Francisco, April 28—Sermons voicing a protest against the racetrack evil will be preached in more than 2000 churches of California Sunday morning. The plan has been elaborated by the Anti-Racetrack League, recently organized in Berkeley. The movement will call it "Race track Sunday," which marks the inception of a bitter campaign against the racetrack in California, the object of the league being to bring about state legislation

Anti-Gambling Campaign.

Albany, N. Y., April 28.—Governor Hughes this afternoon inaugurated what is believed to be a campaign of speech-making in several of the large cities of the state in support of the anti-racetrack gambling legislation which will probably be the feature of the extraordinary session which is to convene on May 11.

HALF THOUSAND KILLED.

Southern Storm Much Worse Than First Reported.

New Orleans, April 27.—Probably 500 lives lost, 100 or more persons fatally injured and many times this number fatally hurt, together with a property loss running up in the millinos, is the record so far of a tornado that originated in the west two days ago, sweeping Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Georgia. It has left a path of death, desolation and want in its wake, seriously interrupted all communication between cities in the south, and brought about chaotic conditions in many smaller towns.

Mississippi, already a sufferer from more than one tornado this year, has again borne the brunt of the winds and rains. Estimates of the number of those who lost their lives in that state place the death list between 150 and 175, with a thousand or more injured.

In Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia the death lists are also large, with serious loss of life in Arkansas and Tennessee. Authentic information is in many instances lacking, owing to the crippled facilities for communication and the lack of time to form anything like an accurate estimate of the damage done in many sections.

In half a dozen communities martial law has been declared, so terrible was the destruction and so helpless were the stricken people left by the disaster. Serious disorders have occurred in some places, including Amite, La. Looting and other crimes have been reported, but those instances have on the whole been rare.

Several places have issued appeals for aid and in Mississippi Governor Noel has been asked to provide tents for the homeless.

The tornado has lasted in all a period of nearly two days. It was Thursday night that damage by tornadoes traveling was first reported from points in Texas. This was followed during the next 24 hours by similar reports from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Last night Alabama came within the flight of the storm and today reports of serious damage by the wind in Georgia have been recorded.

Utter misery of every sort was found today at Purvis, Miss., by relief parties. Despite the fact that of the 2500 inhabitants which this little town boasted yesterday morning, there were only 900 today, still there were not sufficient accommodations in the wrecked village for even the wounded. Negro mammies and little black children lay wounded and helpless under the broiling Southern sun. Some had broken bones, some were partly crushed and others had been wounded by sticks and splinters. These unfortunates were lucky if they had a blanket or a wrecked couch to rest upon.

There was not enough shelter in the town to protect them from the sun and many of the walls which remained standing had no roofs, and by a queer freak of the tornado many of the trees which had not been uprooted had been snatched off a few feet above the ground. The grove of pines was mutilated in such a manner that it appeared as if a gigantic scythe had swept through the grove about 25 feet above the ground.

CRUISER RUN DOWN.

Liner St. Paul Smashes Into Warship During Snowstorm.

Southampton, April 27.—The American line steamer St. Paul, which left Southampton on her regular voyage, bound for New York, this afternoon, in a dense snow storm rammed and destroyed the British second-class cruiser Gladiator off the Isle of Wight.

The first report stated that from 20 to 30 of the Gladiator's crew had been drowned, but later intelligence reduces the number of casualties. The exact extent of the disaster, however, cannot be accurately known until tomorrow.

No one on the St. Paul was killed or injured, but the bodies of Steward Widgery, Writer Cowdry and a Maltese steward, Debras, all attached to the cruiser, have been brought ashore; one officer, Lieutenant William G. Praves, who attempted to swim to land, is missing, and eight injured have been taken to the military hospital at Golden Hill for treatment. It is believed only a few others are unaccounted for.

The Gladiator was beached and her crew took to the boats. She is one of the class of vessels designed to serve as rams. She is 320 feet long, has a speed of 20 knots and carries a complement of 450 men.

Accident to Warship.

Santa Barbara, April 27.—An accident to the engines on the Missouri that occurred today on the run of the fleet from Santa Monica to Santa Barbara proved to have been more serious than at first reported. The high pressure cylinder of the port engine blew out and the engine room was quickly filled with the escaping steam. No one was injured. The supply of steam was cut off after heroic work by the engine-room force, and all danger soon passed. The Missouri came into port under the starboard engine alone.

Convict Murderers of Hindu.

Oregon City, April 27.—After deliberating 13 hours, the jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. John M. Dickenson, William Dickenson, John Dickenson, Earl Ransier and John Riley, charged with the murder of Harnan Singh, a Hindu, near Boring, brought in a verdict convicting J. M. Dickenson and his son, William, of murder in the second degree and the other three boys of manslaughter. The penalty for murder in the second degree is imprisonment for life and the penalty or manslaughter is from one to 15 years in the penitentiary.

Two Highbinders Killed

San Francisco, April 27.—Another highbinder war broke out in Chinatown tonight, when two gun parties met in a pitched battle with revolvers at Washington street and Waverly Place. In a running battle of two blocks, that ended in Ross Alley, three men were shot, two fatally and another slightly. Yun Ying, of the Hop Sing Tong, was shot through the right eye and died a few minutes after he reached the Harbor Emergency Hospital.

Troops to Central America.

Mexico City, April 27.—A persistent rumor here has it that the cruiser Albany, which is to carry special Ambassador Buchanan Enrique C. Creel to Central America, is to land armed parties should conditions in the southern republics warrant the move. Official confirmation of the report could not be obtained.