

EVENTS OF THE DAY

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

By the explosion of a gun at Toulon 13 French sailors were killed and a cruiser badly damaged.

Hearst may run for governor of New York on the Independent ticket.

A thousand small fires surround Lakes Superior and Huron and the northern part of Lake Michigan.

Authorities believe that the vigorous methods employed have checked the spread of cholera in the Philippines.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Portland Mill & Fixture company at Portland, entailing a loss of \$35,000.

The legislative halls of Indiana was the scene of a small riot until police interfered. Local option was the trouble.

Charles Oliver, special detective, has been sent to jail for two days for approaching a juror in one of the Reuf cases.

Germany objects to France receiving preference over any other power in Moroccan affairs.

A mob at Ft. Gaines, Ga., hanged a negro who assaulted an officer.

Rain has greatly cleared the atmosphere at Chicago, and it is hoped will check the numerous forest fires.

Mrs. Howard Gould, in her suit for divorce, asks \$120,000 a year alimony.

Wilbur Wright has broken all airship records by his latest flights in France.

Some of the Pennsylvania coal mines have closed because of a lack of water.

Pickpockets following Buffalo Bill's show secured fully \$1000 at Bellingham, Wash.

One of Burns' detectives has been held guilty of approaching a juror in one of the Reuf cases.

A preacher at Taylorstown, Pa., was forced to resign by women because he denounced the powder puff.

Gagen and Woodboro, two Wisconsin towns, have been wiped out by forest fires, leaving 4000 people homeless.

Paris business is practically prostrated because of the fire which destroyed the central telephone building.

Many villages in Michigan are threatened by forest fires and the people are ready to flee, leaving everything.

Indiana anti-saloon workers met in the legislative halls while the legislature was in session and prayed for a local option law.

A forest fire threatens to burn the house at Ballston, N. Y., where Grant died.

Forest fires in Pennsylvania have already burned over 30,000 acres, and are still burning.

A New York lawyer has just been arrested for defrauding a woman many years ago.

W. B. McAllister, of Omaha, has been appointed land agent for the Southern Pacific.

Four out of a party of seven lost their lives when a launch was wrecked on the Long Island sound.

The students of the Missouri school for the blind have taken to roller skating, and make quite a success of it.

Long dry spells have dried up many rivers in the East, and forest fires cover the whole Atlantic coast with smoke.

The trans-Atlantic liner Mauretania lost a propeller blade in a storm, and for hours lay helpless. There was a panic among the passengers.

Zia Bey, head of the Turkish secret police under the old regime, has had to flee the capital for his life, and says he is coming to Oregon to live.

The battleship fleet has sailed from Albany, Australia, for Manila.

A retired steel magnate of New Jersey was shot and killed by his confidential clerk.

Orville Wright was badly hurt and his companion killed while making a trip in his aeroplane.

A Swedish explorer has just reached Simla, India, after nearly a year spent in the interior of Tibet.

Colonel Stewart has been ordered back to his lonely post at Fort Grant, without taking the riding test.

Mexican and Japanese sailors fought desperately on a wrecked ship to escape from drowning, but all were finally saved.

Letters have been made public which seem to prove that Senator J. B. Foraker is in the pay of the Standard Oil company.

It is said alarming cholera reports have been sent out from certain cities in China in order to get contributions from superstitious Chinese.

J. J. Hill says the day of cheap wheat is over, that the food problem is a serious one, and that the government should be building schools of agriculture as well as warships.

STEAMER ON ROCKS.

Star of Bengal Loses 110 of Crew and Big Salmon Cargo.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 23.—Advices last night from Alaska by the United States signal corps say that 110 men, including nine whites, were drowned in the wreck of the American bark Star of Bengal, on Coronation island, west of the Prince of Wales archipelago.

Twenty-seven of the vessel's crew and passengers were saved. The Star of Bengal belonged to the Alaska Packers' association, and was on her way to San Francisco with a cargo of 54,000 cases of salmon.

In addition to her crew she carried 100 Chinese and Japanese who were employed in the canneries of the company and taken aboard at Fort Wrangel.

The Star of Bengal took aboard cargo at Fort Wrangel, consisting of canned salmon, and started down Summer strait in tow of the tugs Hattie Gage and Kayak. As the vessels neared the open sea, where the sailing craft would have sea room to work off shore, the wind was steadily freshening, blowing on shore. The tugs struggled valiantly to keep the ship clear of the rocks, but the wind drove it down on the rocks lining the shore of Coronation island, which lies at the mouth of Iphigenia bay, and to save themselves from destruction the steam vessels were forced to cast off the lines and head out to sea.

The Star of Bengal went onto the rocks in such a position that the tugs could not get near enough to give any assistance, and the Gage headed for Fort Wrangel with news of the disaster.

RUSSIANS DIE BY HUNDREDS

Official Reports Don't Account for All Cholera Victims.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—Up to noon yesterday the municipal hospitals reported for the preceding 24 hours 417 cholera cases and 176 deaths. There is a total of 1587 patients in the various hospitals.

That the municipal statistics are incomplete is conclusively proved by the number of interments. At one cemetery they aggregated 424 for the last three days, or within 20 of the total number of deaths reported.

The cholera dead are being interred at Preobrazhenskoe, which is about one hour distance on the railroad. A train of several coaches, carrying the mourners and a dozen freight cars with the dead in rude coffins, goes daily to the place. The scenes are heart-rending in the chapel, where service is conducted uninterruptedly night and day.

The scarcity of gravediggers has caused a painful delay in the past few days, 150 coffins containing bodies now being stored in the adjoining woodshed. Some of the mourners have been waiting their turn for several days.

Pennsylvania Fires Checked.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 22.—Reports received yesterday from Ashtola, near Johnston, where a forest fire has been raging for several days, are to the effect that the fire is now under control. At Ashtola 10,000,000 feet of logs were burned, and at Arrow, near by, 6,000,000 feet were destroyed. Yesterday heavy clouds of smoke hung over Windber, Johnstown and intermediate points.

Late last night another fire started in the Hayden woods, near Greensburg. Yesterday the flames were spreading rapidly.

In practically all the churches Sunday special prayers were offered up for the drought in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia might be ended.

Forgets Jungle Story.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—For the first time since the appearance of Upton Sinclair's packing house expose, "The Jungle," the British government yesterday contracted for an order of American meat, closing a contract with Libby, McNeil & Libby, packers, for 5,000,000 pounds of fresh beef. According to the contract, which was made through Thomas Arskine, British consul at Chicago, the price to be paid for the consignment of meat is \$500,000. Erskine requested the submission of bids for several million pounds of canned meats.

Fire Peril Again Greater.

Calumet, Mich., Sept. 23.—With the forest fires in northern Michigan fanned by high winds, the condition on the Canadian shore is worse than it has been in the past three weeks. The fires are gaining in velocity about Flucan, Niagara and Loreto and in the vicinity of Norway, Rockland and Mass City, and the situation is critical. Trains through Delta county crowded with refugees fleeing from the threatened district into Escanaba and Menominee.

Adirondack Towns in Peril

New York, Sept. 23.—Alarm is felt in many sections of the state because of the rapid spread of the big forest fires that have been burning for many days in the Adirondacks. According to dispatches received by the Associated Press here last night, dangerous fires are burning in some score of places, and a number of small towns and summer resorts are threatened.

Cholera on Transport.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—Cable dispatches from Manila report that a case of cholera broke out on the transport Sheridan shortly after her departure from that port on September 15. The vessel put back to port and is now in quarantine.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

STEAM PILOT SCHOONER.

Board of Pilot Examiners Wants State to Purchase Schooner.

Salem.—In its annual report to the governor the state board of pilot examiners recommends the purchase and maintenance by the state of a pilot schooner. It is the only method by which the state can hope to exercise any control over the pilots, and set down any rules governing pilotage at the mouth of the Columbia River, according to the commission.

It is set forth that the life of a pilot is hazardous, it involves risks and hardships that are not generally known to the public, and the board feels that the Columbia river pilots have been at times unjustly criticized. Assumption of responsibilities are greater also on the Columbia bar, according to the board, than is generally realized. It is believed the service is as efficient as possible under present regulations.

It is recommended that the legislature amend the present pilot laws, giving the commission authority to examine and license pilots, to revoke licenses for cause, to make rules and regulations for maintenance of efficient pilot service and require all licensed pilots to report to and furnish such information to the board as shall be required, so that the commission may be fully informed of all matters relative to the service.

After Big Contract.

Portland.—Several Portland firms have made bids on a \$300,000 government contract for hay and oats for the Philippines, which will be let by the quartermaster's department October 5. The contract is the largest one of the kind ever placed on the Pacific coast. In the specifications issued by the quartermaster, bids were asked on 10,000 tons of hay and 9,000 tons of oats. Delivery must be made in the Philippines within the next six months. William Albers, of Albers Bros. Milling company, has just returned from Seattle, where he has been looking after the bid made by his firm. Allen & Lewis, of Portland, are also preparing to bid on the mammoth contract.

Portland Livestock Show.

Portland.—General and favorable response is being received from the local, county and district fairs and stock shows of the entire Northwest to the invitations sent out by the Country Club and Livestock association requesting that these organizations be officially represented at the Pacific national show and harness races here next week. The International of Chicago, the greatest stock exposition in America, will be represented, as will the National of Denver.

Rush Work on Springfield ne.

Eugene.—J. O. Storey, president of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway, is in Eugene. He announced that work on the big bridge for the line which is to extend across the Willamette river at Springfield will begin right away, and as much of the structure completed this fall as possible. In the spring, when all danger of high water is over, the bridge will be completed and the line will be extended from Springfield on up the McKenzie valley.

Resume Railroad Work.

Tillamook.—Work on the Pacific Railway & Navigation company's railroad is being resumed as fast as men arrive. The first work to be taken in hand was grading south of Bay City, and since then the pile-driving and bridge crews have been getting in shape to resume work. It is expected that the steam shovel will be put to work this week, and in that event most of the work will be well started all along the line by the end of the week.

Begin Seeding at Athena.

Athena.—The first rain of the season has fallen here. It was accompanied by a severe electric storm, which destroyed telephone communications for an hour or two. The deep dust along the roads was suddenly converted into mud, and the summer fallow in the fields was made ready for seed. The farmers are rejoicing over the rain, and fall seeding will begin within the next few days.

Tillamook Street Fair.

Tillamook.—Tillamook City will have a street fair and carnival September 23-25. The fair will be held under the auspices of the band boys, who have secured the concessions of the American Amusement company for the occasion. The business men have subscribed liberally towards the enterprise and elaborate preparations are being made.

\$4,000 Worth of Hay Burns.

Drewsey.—Sim Hamilton a hay raiser of Drewsey valley, about two miles from here, lost four stacks of hay by fire. The total value of the stacks is placed at \$4000. The wind drove the sparks from a fire which had been started in some foxtail into the stacks before Mr. Hamilton was aware of it.

Eugene Will Spread Herself.

Eugene has decided to be 15,000 big in 1909, and with that end in view the Eugene Commercial club has started out to secure \$15,000 for advertising purposes. The latest city directory of Eugene gives the population at 10,000. In 1909 it was 3256.

Rain Help to Apple Crop.

Medford.—A heavy rain fell throughout the county last week coming at this time, its effect on the apple crop will be good, as well as laying the dust, which had become very deep, as no rain had fallen since July.

LOOK FOR INFLUX.

Bumper Crop in Southern Oregon is Sure to Attract People.

Myrtle Creek.—The farmers in this and other localities through this county are in the midst of the harvest of the large crop of prunes. The continued dry weather has brought the crop earlier than usual, and the fruit driers are taxed to the limit.

The price paid to the farmers this season adds evidence to the ever-increasing possibilities of Oregon, some of the growers receiving as high as 54 cents per pound for their crop of prunes, this being the basis price paid for the 30 to 35 size, and 4c less per pound for each five prunes to the pound smaller.

A representative of one of the large nurseries of the state has sold several thousand fruit trees for the fall planting. Apples are to be extensively planted, as also prunes, plums, cherries, peaches and a great variety of the small fruits and berries to which Oregon is so well adapted.

During the past three months no less than 20 new families (people who have been attracted to Oregon from the east by the many resources) have bought farms and settled in this one small community. A great many of the people coming to Oregon have come through the influence of friends already here, but more have been attracted by the flood of literature which is scattered daily by the commercial clubs, citizens' leagues and similar organizations throughout the state.

With the bumper crops raised in southern Oregon this year, it is to be expected that the population increase during the coming year will break all records.

\$4,000 to the Ton.

Burns.—Intense excitement prevails here as the result of a rich strike made by O. J. Darst, who has been prospecting in Gold gulch for several years. He has discovered a ledge which assays from \$4000 to \$4500 a ton. The ore contains both gold and silver. The ledge upon which the strike was made is located about 150 miles from the railroad. It is now planned to stage the rock to Austin or Vale, where it will be shipped to the smelters at either Boise or Salt Lake City.

Wallowa County Fair.

Wallowa.—The Wallowa county fair, to be held in this city October 8, 9 and 10, will be one of the most successful fairs ever held in this county. Special rates will be granted on the railroad, and a big attendance is assured. Already over a dozen athletic events are provided. The exhibits will exceed anything ever known in this valley. Races will be a feature and dramatic performances will be given at least two evenings. The play will be a home talent production.

Will Contest Claims.

Pendleton.—Claiming that he is the original discoverer, A. H. Anderson, an old Alaska prospector, will contest the locations made by James Conlan on what is declared to be rich placer ground, last located in Juniper canyon. Anderson says Conlan was employed by him as a driver on his prospecting trip, and located the claim while the discoverer was nursing a rattlesnake bite, from which he is just recovering.

O. R. & N. Answers Complaints.

Salem.—The O. R. & N. has filed answers to the two complaints brought by the railroad commission alleging unfair and excessive rates on grain from eastern Oregon points to Portland. The railroad company denies all the allegations of the complaint, but acknowledges that the tariffs exist as they were stated in the complaint. The company denies that the rates are excessive.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Barley—Feed, \$26 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.50. Oats—No. 1 white, \$26 per ton; gray, \$29. Wheat—Club, 89c per bushel; forty-fold, 92c; turkey red, 92c; five, 89c; bluestem, 93c; valley, 91c.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley \$14 per ton; Willamette Valley ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11; alfalfa, mead, \$29. Fruit—Apples, new, 50c@51.25 per box; peaches, 25c@26c per box; pears, 20c@21c per box; plums, 50c@51c per box; grapes, 40c@41.25 per crate; Concord, 20c per basket; huckleberries, 8c@10c per pound.

Potatoes—\$85@90 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound. Melons—Cantaloupes, 50c@75c per crate; watermelons, 1c@1c per pound; casabas, \$2@2.25 per dozen.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; beets, \$1.50; artichokes, 65c per doz.; beans 30c@4c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 dozen; celery, 75c@81c per dozen; corn, 75c@81c per sack; cucumbers, 30c@40c per box; egg plant, 50c@51.25 per crate; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 6c per pound; peppers, 8c@10c per pound; pumpkins 1c@1.2c per pound; radishes, 12c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts 10c per pound; squash, 40c per dozen; tomatoes, 17c@25c.

Butter—Extras, 34c per pound; fancy, 32c; choice, 30c; store, 18c. Eggs—Oregon, extras, 29c@30c; firsts, 27c@28c; seconds, 23c@26c; East ern, 26c@27c per dozen.

Poultry—Fancy hens, 13c; spring, 14c; ducks, old, 12c@12c; spring, 11c@15c; geese, old, 9c; young, 10c@11c; turkeys, old, 17c@18c; young, 20c. Veal—Extra, 8c@8.1c per pound; ordinary, 7c@7.1c; heavy, 5c. Pork—Fancy 8c per lb.; ordinary, 7c; large, 5c.

CHOLERA IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Government May Have to Proclaim Martial Law.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 21.—St. Petersburg is in the deadly grasp of Asiatic cholera, which already has exceeded in severity and number of deaths the visitation of 1893. The disease is increasing daily at an alarming rate, and unless the authorities show in the future a much greater degree of ability to cope with the situation than they have in the past, there is every reason to fear that it will get out of hand. The government's threat to apply the provisions of martial law has driven the municipal officials to bend all their energies to clearing the city of the scourge.

The aldermanic council Saturday voted \$250,000 to enlarge the hospital space, to purchase and distribute disinfectants, the supply of which in St. Petersburg is well nigh exhausted, and to expedite the interment of bodies, which has been notoriously slow. The deadhouses are overcrowded and many corpses lie unburied.

Under his authority, the prefect of St. Petersburg, General Dracheffsky, on Saturday prohibited the sale of liquor throughout the city, including the government vodka shops, until September 22, and he has further ordered that hereafter the sale of the liquor shall be suspended at 2 P. M. on Saturday until 1 A. M. Monday. This action has been taken in order to diminish alcoholic excesses, which very materially increase the liability to cholera infection and the general spread of the disease.

USE PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Mrs. Rockefeller Says Public Institutions Are for Poor.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 22.—Mrs. William Rockefeller, who, with her husband, is in this city, said yesterday that she believed the children of the rich should be sent to private rather than to public schools.

"All I have ever tried to be is just an ordinary mother," said Mrs. William Rockefeller, at the Piester Hotel. "I have two sons and two daughters, and they are just four ordinary boys and girls. I have brought them up the best I knew how, and used all the common sense I had to think of the best ways and means to make them good average men and women."

"Did my boys go to public schools? No; that would have been most selfish in a city like New York, where our schools are crowded. It is only fair that parents who can afford it should send their children to private schools, and thus allow room in the public schools for children who must depend upon the public schools for their entire education."

"My boys were sent, like thousands of other New York children, to private schools, where they were in daily contact with other children. They studied like ordinary boys and had the same ambitions in their school work. When they had finished school they were sent away to college."

MAKE LAST STAND.

Nevada Only State in Union That Allows Gambling.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 22.—The gamblers of the United States will make their final stand for freedom in Nevada next month. At that time a special election is to be held in Reno to give the people an opportunity to vote on the question whether or not the gambling houses of this city should be closed.

For six months the fight has been in the making, each side making every preparation for the contest. Nevada is now the only state in the union where gambling is licensed. Montana legislated it out of existence some time ago, Arizona followed suit, and the toleration which kept gambling going in Denver and Salt Lake has been withdrawn.

Nevada only remains, and nearly every prominent gambler in the country is now located in this state.

Firefighters Lose Ground.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Although New York has one of the best equipped forest fire fighting organizations in the country, fresh fires are being reported daily from the Adirondacks and Catskill regions. Unless there is a heavy rain soon the damage may approximate that of the destructive fires of 1903, when over 450,000 acres were burned over, entailing a loss of \$800,000 in standing timber, logs and pulp wood. Every effort is being made to hold the present fires in control. In 132 towns in the Adirondacks and Catskill regions 743 fire wardens are at work.

Paris Has Big Fire.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Fire broke out last night in the Central Telephone building and spread with such rapidity that the telephone employees were forced, after brief and ineffectual efforts, to extinguish the flames, to flee hastily to the streets. The entire building was soon in flames, and this, together with the postoffice, which is located close to the Place des Victoires, was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Two Towns Wiped Out.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Long distance telephone messages to the Tribune from Rhineland, Wis., state that the towns of Daggan and Woodborow have been destroyed by forest fires. The 4000 residents of the two towns are fleeing through the burning woods to Rhineland, panic-stricken. Many people of Woodborow are missing.

CHINA IS STRICKEN

Cholera Epidemic in Cities Is Killing Hundreds.

MORE CASES APPEAR IN MANILA

Rigid Inspection Discovers Many Concealed Cases—Army Fighting Disease in Philippines.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Reports to the public health service show that cholera is epidemic in Amoy and Hankow, China, claiming at the latter place 60 victims per day. The disease is also prevalent at Shanghai, Szechow, Nungchow, Ningpo and Nankin.

Governor General Smith, of the Philippines, sent the following dispatch to the bureau of insular affairs under today's date:

"For the 24 hours beginning 8 A. M. September 19, 43 cases of cholera; on September 20, 59 cases. It is believed increase was due to putting on 200 inspectors, who discovered hidden cases. Cold rains also served to increase the number of cases. Have whole police force of Manila now on house-to-house canvass. Tomorrow 200 constabulary will be put to work, if necessary. Increased inspection today and cold rains may result in large number of cases.

"At 6 P. M. today we had 33 cases." Marine hospital service advises show that during the past month cholera has appeared in various provinces, cases and deaths occurring in Santa Barbara, Jarow, Port of Iloilo, Barotac and Dumaguete. Mail advices say that the disease is clearing up rapidly in the provinces which were first affected. The cases in the provinces affected later remain about stationary.

KEEP CASTRO FOR LIFE.

President's Partisans Start Movement to Prolong His Rule.

Caracas, via Willemstead, Curacao, Sept. 22.—Partisans of President Castro in recent speeches have initiated a movement to proclaim Castro president of Venezuela for life.

Baron Zieckendorff, German minister, presented the answer of the Netherlands government to the last Venezuelan note to Foreign Minister Paul, three days ago. Yesterday the minister took it to Valencia and delivered it to President Castro, who is still enjoying himself with banquets and balls in the inland city. The contents of this last Dutch note are carefully guarded, but there is good reason to believe that it is not an ultimatum.

Baron Zieckendorff, who has acted diplomatically for the Netherlands since the rupture with Venezuela, will attempt to persuade President Castro to yield sufficiently to avoid a conflict, as Germany, it is held here, desires that the Venezuelan status quo be maintained.

FEARS OPEN REVOLT.

Monarchical Party in Portugal Storing Arms in Convents.

Lisbon, Sept. 22.—Insistent declarations that a revolutionary outbreak in Portugal is impending continue to make their appearance in the local newspapers, and a new feature of these reports is the statement that the monarchial extremists, realizing that the Republicans are arming for a revolt, are making ready for their defense by storing secretly large quantities of arms in the convents of Lisbon, where the authorities dare not penetrate.

The movement is said to be supported actively by the clerical party. One of the monarchial organs says that 17,000 persons have enlisted for the purpose of attacking and destroying the offices of the Republican newspapers, and the Republicans declare if this is done they will retaliate by starting a general riot and revolution.

City at Mercy of Disease.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—The cholera continues to increase rapidly in St. Petersburg. The efforts of the authorities to stop the sale of liquor between Saturday and Monday and the other preventive measures taken have had but little if any effect in checking the spread of the epidemic. Between noon of Sunday and noon of Monday the municipal hospitals reported 380 cases and 155 deaths, and the addition of the statistics from the military and suburban hospitals for this same period will swell this total to truly formidable proportions.

Open Grand Trunk Road.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 22.—Alfred W. Smithers, of London, vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway, assisted by Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, yesterday officially opened the Grand Trunk Pacific railway's third transcontinental railway across Canada, which is now completed from Winnipeg to Battle River, 666 miles, and is ready to handle traffic that distance. The road will be completed to Edmonton, a distance of 1000 miles.

Fear Fuel Famine.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 22.—Fuel merchants throughout the state are preparing to lay in a supply of coal and wood to prevent the possibility of a fuel famine such as was experienced last year. The Southern Pacific company has sent out a warning.