

EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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

The governor of New Jersey denounced state infringement of treaty rights.

A new bunch of anti-Jap resolutions have appeared in the California legislature.

Germany has four battleships building which are said to be more powerful than the British Dreadnaught.

Montana robbers after securing the savings of a couple 85 years old, murdered them and set fire to the house.

Toronto officers arrested a clever schemer just in time to save \$108,500 about to be paid by banks and express companies.

Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis was robbed of jewels worth \$6,500 while crossing the Atlantic from New York to Liverpool.

Great Britain has launched her seventh battleship of the Dreadnaught type. The vessel will be ready for service by the end of 1909.

Judge Dickinson refuses to deny or affirm the report that he is to be Taft's secretary of war. He says he is still a Democrat and did not vote for Taft.

Honorary degrees of doctor of law was conferred upon President Roosevelt, Governor Hughes, of New York, and Bishop Alfred Harding by George Washington university, at Washington, D. C., on Washington's birthday.

Carroll D. Wright, the noted economist, is dead.

Mrs. Yerkes accuses her executor of paying her income with talk.

Harriman announces that he will spend millions on railroad extensions in the West.

English surfngates are still busy in an effort to secure recognition before parliament.

J. M. Dickinson, of Tennessee, is said to have been selected as Taft's secretary of war.

The Utah senate has turned down a drastic anti-saloon bill for a more conservative measure.

A new branch railroad is to be built from Spokane to connect with the Crow's Nest Pass line of the Canadian Pacific.

Report says Ethel Roosevelt is on the verge of becoming engaged to William Phillips, third assistant secretary of state.

King Alfonso witnessed a flight by Wright in his aeroplane, but the ruler was forbidden to accompany the famous aviator.

Fire at Lvovlock, Nev., destroyed property valued at \$40,000 and for a time threatened destruction of the entire town. The lives of 30 people were endangered.

The courts have decided that the Snell fortune shall go to a niece.

Castro has left Berlin on account of the large number of beggars bothering him.

The United States sent \$1,000,626 in cash to the Italian earthquake sufferers.

Prince Ferdinand has asked the powers to recognize the independence of Bulgaria.

Guardians have been appointed for a German prince of the royal family because of his extravagances.

A number of the Danish royal family were on the cruiser which was rammed by a freight steamer.

Fifty villages and 50,000 acres of land are under water in Prussia as a result of the Elbe river being out of its banks.

Trains cannot get across the Rocky mountains in Colorado on account of the heavy snow. All roads have large gangs of men at work.

Grand Duke Vladimir is said to have been involved in a conspiracy to appoint a regency for the czar and an investigation had just started when he died.

An immense irrigation scheme is planned in New Mexico which will water 500,000 acres. The largest dam in the world will be built to store the necessary water.

Hill has incorporated a company to build a railroad in Canada.

Governor Gillett will sign the bill closing all California racetracks.

Three San Francisco firemen were injured while rescuing Chinese from a burning building.

A permanent tariff reform organization has been formed at Indianapolis.

English and Scotch suffragettes started a riot in an attempt to interview Premier Asquith.

The Kansas legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor by druggists except as used in prescriptions.

The California senate has gone on record as favoring election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

"CAPITOL IS BOOZERY."

Startling Charge Made by Anti-Saloon Leader at Sacramento.  
Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 24.—That members of California's legislature have been daily consuming gallons of liquor furnished them within the capitol building by the enemies of local option, and in so doing violating the laws of this state which prohibit intoxicants being sold or given away on the capitol grounds or within the state building, was the startling charge made today by Rev. D. M. Grandier, of Los Angeles, who is here representing the Anti-Saloon league in the fight for the passage of local option bills.

Rev. Grandier brands the alleged state of affairs at the capitol as a disgrace and an outrage. He said today:

"I think it is an outrage on decency and a disgrace to the state for the assembly and senate to permit such things to go on. Aside from being a disgrace, this giving away of liquor in the capitol is unlawful. Section 172 of the penal code prohibits the sale or distribution of liquor in the capitol building. The liquor interests and the enemies of local option are the only ones who would dare to or would care to supply intoxicants to the legislature at this time."

"So far as I can see the members of the legislature are breaking laws instead of making them. They must know that the penal code provides penalties for such offenses as are being perpetrated at the capitol. An end should be put to the disgraceful condition of affairs at once."

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PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Saturday, February 20.

Salem, Feb. 20.—Both houses of the legislature cleared away all accumulated business before adjourning, but it was nearly 11 o'clock before all were finished. Appropriation bills amounted to \$1,100,000 more than the session of two years ago.

A number of laws needed by the state were passed and several of the new measures will increase the revenues.

The house bill appropriating \$210,000 for new buildings and improvements at the Agricultural college passed the senate by a unanimous vote this morning.

The Weston, Ashland and Monmouth normal schools were all left in existence, but both houses refused to pass appropriations for their maintenance.

The house passed the game code practically as it came from the senate.

Both houses passed a tuberculosis sanatoria bill carrying an appropriation of \$45,000.

The dairy inspector bill, which had been killed Wednesday, was reconsidered by the house and passed.

Only 12 members of the house voted for the bill creating a state highway commission.

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At the night session the house appropriated \$362,000 for improvements of state institutions at Salem and increased the agricultural college maintenance appropriation from \$50,000 to \$80,000 a year.

By the terms of the new military code bill Adjutant General Finzer will hold his place during good service, which practically means life.

Wednesday, February 17.

Salem, Feb. 17.—The governor sent a special message to the legislature today urging the passage of a constitutional amendment providing for state construction and operation of railroads.

Central Oregon is the territory the governor aims to help and such a bill is pending, but its passage is doubtful.

The house refused to consider the bill providing that county assessors should assess at actual value and fix the levy on a basis of 50 per cent of that amount.

The senate passed the house bill fixing a bounty on scalps of coyotes, cougars, wildcats and wolves.

The charity appropriation bill as passed by the house carries a total of \$41,618.35.

Two examiners of state banks and two deputies are provided for in a bill passed by the house.

The house passed a bill abandoning the Drain normal and authorizing the regents to turn the property over to the common school district of Drain.

The senate passed a bill providing for a free ferry over the Willamette at Independence and another measure requiring all doors of public buildings and halls shall open outward.

The house passed a senate bill making 10 hours a day's work for females in telephone and telegraph offices.

The senate ways and means committee is not in favor of three normals and further changes may be made before the session is ended.

EXTRA SESSION NECESSARY.

Blunder Kills Bill Appropriating Money for State Institutions

Salem—A special session of the Oregon legislature will be necessary, or senate bill No. 254, a bill appropriating \$350,000 for improvements at state institutions will fail to become a law.

Owing to irregularities the bill was not legally passed, and is invalid. The special session, if called, will merely pass the bill in the form in which it was intended to be passed by the session just closed.

No special session has been called and none will be unless 20 members of the senate and 40 members of the house signify their willingness to come to Salem for a special session without expense to the state. This decision was reached at a conference between Governor Chamberlain, President Bowerman, Speaker McArthur and Senator Kay. Senator Kay has undertaken to get the members to agree to come and believes he can do so.

Wheat Prospects Good.

Portland—Latest reports received from the interior indicate that the Pacific Northwest stands every chance of producing about 65,000,000 bushels of wheat during the present season. Prospects for the coming crop are indeed bright and the damage by the recent freeze is less than had been anticipated. In fact the damage can scarcely be considered at all for what little fall wheat was frozen out will be put in spring grain. The best feature of the present situation is that the entire Pacific Northwest received more rainfall to date than it did for the same period a year ago although some sections did not receive as much as during the previous year.

Revival of Hop Industry.

Salem—Hop contracts far in excess of the contracts for a similar period for last year, and advices received by growers and dealers here from every hop center in Oregon, indicate a wonderful revival of the hop industry. The prevailing price in contracts is 10 cents, and thousands of pounds are being contracted for by all the dealers here. Reports from Oregon City indicate a condition even more favorable to hopgrowers than that found here.

Salem Fruitmen Organize.

Salem—Organization of the Salem Fruit union has been completed at a meeting held at the board of trade rooms and attended by over 100 growers. The following directors were elected: C. L. McNary, A. Vercler, W. J. Ball, C. J. Kurtz, C. O. Constance, E. C. Armstrong and C. A. Park. It is proposed to erect buildings, employ expert packers and push the production and marketing of fruit along modern approved lines.

To Build Two New Schools.

Eugene—The school board has decided to erect two new buildings during the coming summer. One is to be built in Fairmont and the other in Stewart's addition, near the fair grounds. The large increase in attendance during the present term has made these new buildings a matter of necessity.

Salem to Have Pure Water.

Salem—At a meeting of the joint committee of the Capital Water commission and the Salem council it was definitely decided to establish a mountain water system for Salem, which will furnish not only this city, but all of the state institutions, with a supply of pure water.

RIOT AND PILLAGE.

Scores Injured and Homes Burned or Wrecked at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 23.—Following a harragane at a mass meeting in the city hall, South Omaha, yesterday, at which two members of the state legislature and an attorney were the principal speakers, a wild mob of 800 to 1,000 men started for the Greek quarter to avenge the death of Pat-olman Edward Lowery, who was shot and killed Friday night by a Greek whom he had placed under arrest.

Before their thirst for blood had been satisfied, more than 30 buildings were burned, wrecked or badly damaged and probably a score of persons injured, half that number seriously. By heroic work the police prevented actual loss of life. The rioting continued far into the night.

Governor Shallenberger was consulted and expressed a willingness to call out the troops if necessary. No such demand was made last night, however. Fifteen arrests had been made up to midnight.

The South Omaha police continued to arrest stragglers until late in the night, the station being filled to its capacity. About 50 Greeks received medical attention and were given quarters at the police station for the night.

About 400 Greeks were removed to a place of safety in South Omaha and are being guarded in a body. A similar squad is being cared for in Omaha.

QUAKES FRIGHTEN SPAIN.

Drive Out Worshipers, Who Trample Women Under Foot.

Alicante, Spain, Feb. 23.—Severe earth shocks were experienced this morning throughout the whole district of Elche. The first occurred about 4 a. m. The most serious, which came while the people were in the village church, caused a panic among the congregation, which rushed to the doors, trampling under foot a score or more women and children. The furniture in the houses was overturned and crockery and windows broken.

At Orrevente, a town of 10,000 inhabitants about 18 miles from Alicante, two severe shocks were felt between 8 and 8:30 a. m. Houses rocked and swayed at an alarming angle and people ran to the countryside in terror. They are now camping in the open fields.

CUPID IS LOSING HIS HOLD.

Divorces in Canada Show Rapid Increase in Recent Years.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 23.—One of the most noticeable features of the legislative program at the present session of the Dominion parliament is a long list, for Canada, at least, of divorce applications awaiting hearing before the senate. They are as many in number as were granted during the 20 years after the confederation.

The average divorce application presented to the senate costs upward of \$1,000, and this is a good deal more than the aggrieved husband or wife can ordinarily afford. Between 1888 and 1900, a period of 12 years, the number of divorces granted was 35, and at this session of parliament, if all applications are successful, the number will be 24.

Kato Denies All War Talk.

London, Feb. 23.—The newly appointed Japanese ambassador to Great Britain, Count Takahira Kato, today said that he saw no reason why Japanese relations with the United States should not remain excellent in the future. Count Kato declared that there could be no dominant power in the vast waters of the Pacific.

"We have no interests there," he said, "that can clash with the United States. We mean to have our own sphere of influence in our own part of the Pacific, but not to the detriment of a single power."

Clerk Spends \$500 a Day.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 23.—After a five-days' sojourn in Fairbanks, during which time he threw money around like a drunken sailor, Private William Lane, clerk to the paymaster at Fort Gibbon, departed between two sons, leaving a record of expenditure that beats anything the camp ever saw, and starting an investigation that has disclosed the fact that the army funds at the post are short by about \$10,800 and everything not accounted for yet.

Doctors Desert Patients.

New York, Feb. 23.—The steamship Prinz Wilhelm IV brought reports of great distress at the hospitals at Caracas. A short time ago the physicians and nurses in the hospitals went on strike because the authorities had failed to furnish sufficient supplies of food and medicine. Three hundred patients in the hospitals were starving. The passengers of the Prinz Wilhelm IV include U. Paulus Sannon, Haitien minister to Washington.

Town Plans Greeting.

Oyster Bay, Feb. 23.—A reception will be tendered to Theodore Roosevelt when the ex-president returns to his home. Fireworks and illuminated decorations on houses and stores will, it is expected, form part of the celebration. Mr. Roosevelt and his son Kermit are expected to leave here on March 13 for Africa.

Ex-Vice President is Ill.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Adlai E. Stevenson, ex-vice president of the United States, is ill at his home in Bloomington, Ill., according to reports received here today. His activities in the recent campaign are said to have proved a severe strain on his 74 years.

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Cheese Factories Report.

Tillamook—Seven of the co-operative associations have made their annual reports for last year, viz.: Fairview Dairy association, Red Clover, South Prairie, East Beaver, Maple Leaf, Three Rivers and Clover Leaf. These factories received 14,326,111 pounds of milk and the factory which received the largest amount of milk was Maple Leaf Creamery association, with 2,619,494 pounds. This association carried the banner for the largest amount of milk in 1907, but it is reported that the Tillamook creamery will out-distance the Maple Leaf for 1908. The amount of cheese these seven associations manufactured was 1,574,320 pounds and this was sold for \$194,448.01.

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