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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.

The widow of Claus Spreckles has been awarded \$3,000,000 of her husband's estate.

It now seems as though the Chicago streetcar men will win their fight with the company.

William R. Wallace has been chosen for the Democratic candidate for mayor of Salt Lake.

James J. Hill says too many people are going to the cities instead of staying on the farm.

Thousands of acres of pasture and wood land has been burned over in Sonoma county, Cal., by forest fires.

Peary reiterates that he is the only white man who ever saw the Pole and promises to disprove Cook's claim.

David E. Thompson, United States ambassador to Mexico, has secured control of the Pan-American railroad, a line 244 miles long.

The port of Mulege, on the east coast of Lower California, was overwhelmed by a tidal wave September 4. Considerable property was destroyed.

By the election of J. P. Morgan, Jr., as director in a Harriman bank, harmonious relations are shown to exist between the Morgan and the Kuhn-Loeb-Standard Oil group of financiers.

Dewey says the United States needs a larger navy.

It is said the Harriman estate will not be divided.

The Peary-Cook controversy has grown very bitter in New York.

Rear Admiral Schley favors Cook, notwithstanding that Peary is a navy man.

Sweden has taken steps to end the labor war. Arbitration will be insisted upon.

The biennial convention of the national association of machinists is in session at Denver.

It is expected that 10,000 delegates will attend the Eagles' national convention at Omaha.

St. John's Catholic church, New Orleans, has been almost totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$200,000.

General Reyes says he has never been a candidate for the vice presidential nomination in Mexico.

New York, fears a tong war in its Chinatown, and has sent scores of additional police to that section.

Cardinal Gibbons says that while he should like to see prohibition, rule, he does not believe the present move will be successful.

Fairbanks has left China on his way to Manila.

The Santa Fe has withdrawn its orders for fast trains from the East.

Burglars succeeded in getting away with jewelry valued at \$100,000 in Pittsburgh.

Spanish forces in Morocco have been greatly reinforced and now hope to defeat the Moors.

The first snow has fallen in Montana. Should it continue much uncut grain will be damaged.

Hill has attacked the Southern Pacific land grant in order to force an entrance into Southern California.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound road has offered to carry mail from Chicago to Puget sound in 59 hours.

Pernicious anaemia and oedema of the lungs was the chief cause of Harriman's death, according to Dr. Lyle, his physician.

Ex-President Roosevelt has been named as a delegate to the world's missionary conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, next June 14 to 24.

Peary says he will prove Cook was never at the Pole.

Harriman lines are not likely to have any more one-man power.

Canadians are determined to re-open the Bering sea sealing question.

Harriman stocks did not drop on the stock exchange as was expected.

Lord Roseberry has left the British Radical party and joined the Liberals.

The first drawing in the Cuban national lottery yielded the government \$100,000 profit.

Latest advices say 10,000 lives were lost in the earthquake which destroyed Acapulco, Mexico.

Chicago carmen are again endeavoring to arrange for arbitration with the streetcar company.

The situation in Northern Mexico is still serious and there is much suffering among the people.

Unusual building operations throughout the United States is reported for August. Portland shows an increase of 29 per cent.

J. P. Morgan has offered financial aid to Explorer Cook.

FOREST FIRES RAGE.

Blaze Threatens Many Ranches and California Resorts.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Several thousand men are engaged in a dozen counties of this state in fighting numerous forest fires that threaten ranch and resort buildings, as well as many square miles of valuable timber lands. As a result of these conflagrations unusual heat prevails along the coast. Great damage already has been done to ranch houses and several groups of summer resort hotels and tent cottages have been destroyed.

The most serious fires reported today are in Northern Sonoma, Western Napa, Mendocino, Santa Cruz, Lake and Los Angeles counties. In Napa county, where Walter Springs was destroyed and the cottages and tent houses at Burk's sanitarium were badly damaged, the fire burned itself out today, but in the hills near Preston the flames are spreading.

In the vicinity of Ukiah the whole country is ablaze. Fire fighters are back firing to save the city from destruction. In the vicinity of Calistoga the conflagration that threatened that town last night has been controlled. A hundred men from St. Helena succeeded in saving suburban residents scattered through the foothills. Near Watsonville a fire has been burning for two days, spreading in the direction of Gilroy.

Rangers succeeded in saving the big trees. Thousands of acres in the foot hills west of Donovon valley, Lake county, have been swept by the flames, but they are now under control. For a time the oil region around Whitties was in danger. Most of the fires so far reported originated at points where campers had left embers or from sparks from engines.

WOULD REFORM FINANCES.

President Opens Western Tour at Boston With Revelations.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 15.—President Taft yesterday began his tour of the country, by coming to this city from Beverly in an automobile, accompanied by Mrs. Taft, his daughter and Professor and Mrs. Louis Moore, and making a speech at the Boston Commercial club, which was devoted mainly to a discussion of financial reform.

The president revealed that the Monetary commission will recommend the establishment of a central bank and that Senator Aldrich intends to stump the country in order to arouse interest in his plan of financial reform. He also dwelt on the need of reform in the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws and strongly deprecated sectionalism, either between East or West or North or South.

The president said he was going to take his Western trip because he believed it would enable him to be a much more efficient president and make him better acquainted with the needs of that great section. He also outlined some of the matters to be submitted to the next congress.

SEPARATION IDEA GROWS.

Southern California Taxpayers Begin Spreading Propaganda.

Los Angeles, Sept. 15.—Members of executive committees appointed at a mass meeting of taxpayers in Symphony hall yesterday, will meet tomorrow to organize and issue a formal call for a conference to consider the formation of the state of South California.

Under the terms of the resolution the conference is to be held within 30 days. Although yesterday's meeting went on record as favoring state division, the conferences are to consider all phases of the question carefully, and to decide whether the formation of a new state is desirable. If it decides in favor of it, a convention is to be called, to which all counties and all the principal cities in Southern California will be asked to send delegates.

Boy of 80 Beats It in 10.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 15.—When Dr. B. W. Lawrence, 80 years old, lined up at the tape opposite the Holenbeck home to go against time for 50 yards an inconsiderate youth yelled "Beat it, kid." The venerable anti-carettist twiddled his white whiskers disdainfully and "beat it." He traveled that 50 yards in 10 seconds flat. The time was taken by two men, but not, of course, under sanction of the A. A. U. "I'll sign against anybody for Thanksgiving day," the aged physician said.

Canadian Scores Tariff.

Hamilton, Sept. 15.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' association began here today. President R. Hobson characterizes the condition of the American senate as violation of the trust reposed in it by the people of the United States and barren of all desire to create closer trade relations with Canada. He called upon the Canadian government to take them at their word and bring into effect the surtax act of 1909.

Tidal Wave Sweeps Port.

Mexico City, Sept. 15.—The Port of Mulege, on the east coast of Lower California, was overwhelmed by a tidal wave September 4. There were several casualties and considerable property was destroyed. The tidal wave flooded the inland district for a distance of about two miles.

Mount Vesuvius in Action.

Rome, Sept. 15.—A dispatch from Portico, on the Bay of Naples, to the Giornale d'Italia says that Mount Vesuvius is active again. Guides report rumblings followed by slight seismic shocks. The small craters have been unusually active in the last few days.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FARM SELLS FOR \$106,500.

Ashland Tract, Cultivated Since 1853, Brings Fancy Price.

Ashland—One of the biggest real estate deals in the history of this section was the sale of the E. K. Anderson farm, five miles northeast of Ashland, one of the oldest and choicest farms in the Rogue river valley to G. A. Morse for \$106,500. Mr. Morse is recently from Louisiana, and he has extensive investments in this section.

The farm disposed of consists of 305 acres, the sale price being \$350 an acre. Of the tract sold 43 acres are in apple and peach trees from two to seven years old. Fifty acres are in alfalfa, the remainder being devoted to general farming. All of it is choice fruit land favorably located, and the entire tract will eventually be turned into fruit acreage.

Mr. Anderson has farmed this particular tract of land since 1853, and upon it grew the first wheat ever milled in this part of the state. Some years ago he purchased home property in Ashland and has only lived on the farm a portion of the time, a son, G. N. Anderson, having charge of the place.

APPLES AT TOP PRICE.

Hood River Union Closes \$150,000 Deal With Eastern Buyers.

Hood River—Joseph Steinhardt, of the commission firm of Steinhardt & Kelly, the New York firm that bought the output of the Hood River Apple-growers' union last year, has set the apple buying ball rolling by again purchasing the entire crop handled by the union at a gross figure that will total over \$150,000.

According to Mr. Steinhardt and the officers of the union, the announcement of the sale will cause a quick scramble for box fruit in other Northwest sections, as they have been waiting for the signal from Hood River in order to get a line on prices.

The sale includes the purchase of 60,000 to 70,000 boxes of fancy fruit, or about 125 cars, and it is claimed that it will be the biggest deal made this year by one firm. The fruit is to be especially packed for Steinhardt and Kelly and will be labeled with a new label just adopted by the union and an effort will be made to send one large shipment in a solid train of refrigerator cars to New York.

Grand Ronde's Greatest Crop.

La Grande—Heavy rains throughout Union county have greatly delayed threshing, but it is estimated that most of the work will be finished within the next two weeks, although there will be a small amount that will not be finished in the next 30 days. The yield in Union county is estimated to run over the 1,000,000 bushel mark. This will be the largest amount of wheat ever grown in the Grand Ronde valley. The farmers are not so inclined as they were at first to hold onto their wheat until it reaches the dollar mark and are letting the wheat go in small amounts every day. The price ranges around 80 cents for bluestem, 79 for 40 fold and 77 for club.

Would Hurry Allotments.

Klamath Falls—Complaint is made of unnecessary delay in allotments of the Klamath Indian reservation. The matter is in the hands of Rev. H. F. White, who began the task two years ago. At that time it was announced that it would require not more than six months to do the work. When the Indians have received their lands there will be left over about 200,000 acres of fertile farming land, stock range and timbered tracts. If these lands are opened for settlement it will mean an enormous influx of people into the Klamath country and will greatly increase the resources of this section.

Prune Association Formed.

Roseburg—Prune growers of Myrtle Creek have met and formed an association for the sale of their crops. They also elected a committee to receive offers and do the selling for the pool. They have issued an invitation to all growers to join the pool. The fruit will all be sold together, and whoever buys the pool gets all the fruit. The growers have agreed to dry the prunes in a good marketable condition and expect good prices.

Hop Crop 60,000 Bales.

Salem—Hopping in the Krebs yards is finished. Mr. Krebs estimates the yield of the Krebs yards at 1,800 bales, about 1,200 less than the output of a normal season. Krebs declares that, while the hops are lighter, they are of an unusually fine quality, with a very slight amount of mold, considering the unfavorable conditions. He estimates the Oregon crop at not to exceed 60,000 bales.

Drill for Oil Near Roseburg.

Roseburg—The Dillard Development company has received a drilling outfit to be used in drilling for oil near Looking Glass, about 12 miles west of this city. Indications of oil have been known in this vicinity for a long time. Although the machine is capable of going down 2,000 feet, it is expected oil will be reached at less than that depth.

Pear Crop Short.

La Grande—The first carload of pears that will be shipped out of La Grande this year is being packed now. The supply will not be as abundant as that of last year.

UMATILLA WHEAT CROP.

Flood of Gold Follows the Harvest in Prosperous Grain Center.

Pendleton.—The lure of \$3,000,000 in bright gold pieces, without taint or reserve, sends a thrill through the people of Umatilla county, at this season of the year that cannot be appreciated by any one who has not felt the charm of the grain fields when each golden head nods to the thrifty farmer's readiness to be converted into gold for his purse as reward for his efforts during the 12 months closing with the gathering in of the sheaves. The call of the grain fields has been heard, the tremendous task of saving the harvest has been performed, the marketing of the grain is the duty which calls forth the best judgment and tact of the farmer, in this county, where to raise grain successfully and largely is the ambition of every owner of land.

Umatilla county farmers have just finished harvesting a crop of grain that will place fully \$3,000,000 in their purses. The crop will net about as much money as any produced in the county, inasmuch as the price to be received will be much higher than was taken for the "bumper" crop of 1907, when Umatilla county produced more than 1 per cent of all the wheat grown in the United States. Umatilla county is easily the grain center of Oregon, producing practically one third of all the state. There was a time when Umatilla county "took off its hat," metaphorically speaking, to the Willamette valley in the growing of grain, but that day has long since passed into history.

Milton Growers Ship Apples.

Milton—W. E. Gibson, of the Sibson Fruit company, of Chicago, is in Milton shipping about 100 carloads of prunes bought from the Milton Fruit-growers' union. The price being paid is \$32 per ton. Last year the crop was sold for \$15 per ton. A large force of packers has been employed in the sheds for two weeks and a larger force of pickers has been engaged in gathering the fruit. The orchards owned by C. L. Stewart, C. W. Ray and John M. Brown, near Crockett, are good illustrations of the prune industry here.

Rich Strike at Gold Hill.

Gold Hill—In the Gray Eagle mine development has opened the mine 70 feet below the first tunnel and struck a body of ore which shows values from \$6 to over \$300 per ton. A ten stamp mill is now on the way to the property, the mill having been started after the main stockholders and directors had examined the ground carefully. In the workings a 13 foot vein has been found so far and still the foot wall has not been reached.

Crop Prospects Good.

Klamath Falls—Recent rain throughout the entire Klamath country have put the fall range in good condition and stock is doing well. The moisture did some damage to the hay crop on the ground, but the loss is slight. Grain was not injured, but harvesting will be a few days late on account of the rains. The grain yield will be exceptionally good.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 97c; club, 87c; red Russian, 85 1/4c; valley, 90c; 8fc, 87c; Turkey red, 87c; 40-fold, 89 1/4c. Barley—Feed, \$26.50; brewing, \$27.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$13@15 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50@17.50; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$15@16. Butter—City creamery, extras, 36c; fancy outside creamery, 35@36c; store, 21@22c per pound. Butter fat prices average 1 1/4c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 31c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, 15 1/4@16c per pound; springs, 15 1/4@16c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 14 1/4c; geese, young, 10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, 1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 10c per pound. Veal—Extra, 10@10 1/4c per pound. Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, 50c@1.25; peaches, 65c@1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, 50c@1.50; plums, 25c@75c per box; watermelons, 1@1 1/4c per pound; grapes, 60c@1.25 per basket; casabas, 1.75@2 per crate; quinces, \$1.50 per box. Potatoes—\$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 2@2 1/4c per sack.

Onions—\$1.25 per sack. Vegetables—Beans, 4@5c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c; cauliflower, 75c@1.25 per dozen; celery, 50c@1; corn, 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, 12 1/2@15c; peas, 7c per pound; peppers, 5@10c; pumpkins, 1 1/4@1 1/2c; squash, 6c; tomatoes, 35@40c per box. Hops—1909 Fuggles, 20c; clusters, nominal; 1908 crop, 17c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 23@25c; mohair, choice, 24@25c. Cattle—Steers, top, \$4.25; fair to good, \$4; common, \$3.50@3.75; cows, top, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$2@2.25; stags, \$2.50@3.50.

Hogs—Best, \$7; fair to good, \$7.75 @7.85; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50@8. Sheep—Top wethers, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; yearlings, best, \$4; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; spring lambs, \$5@5.25.

AID IS NEEDED.

Appeal Made to America for Sufferers in Mexico.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Tales of great suffering in the flooded districts of Mexico as told in telegrams received at the State department today from Consul General Philip C. Hanna, brought forth another appeal tonight from the American Red Cross society for funds with which to "supply our unfortunate neighbors of Mexico with the necessities of life."

The loss of life and destruction of property is even greater than was at first supposed, and it is predicted that great physical suffering will prevail among the homeless during the fall and winter.

The destruction was greatest in the country and small towns between Monterey and Matamoras. Mr. Hanna says the American consul at Matamoras reports that place under water and a serious condition of affairs exists and that the railroads between Matamoras and Monterey have been washed out. "We are sending supplies down the railroad as fast as it is opened," says Mr. Hanna.

He suggests that it might be possible for the American army in the Southwest to co-operate with the Mexican army and American and Mexican consuls in assisting Mexican towns.

"It is believed by many," Mr. Hanna said, "that more than 10,000 lives have been lost, and thousands are homeless."

OLY SETTLEMENT IN RUINS.

Storm Plays Havoc With Century-Old "Place of Peace."

La Paz, Baja California, Sept. 8, via Guaymas, Sept. 14.—La Paz, the oldest settlement of the California, is in ruins. The most terrific storm ever known has wrought havoc in and about the old pueblo. Seven lives are already known to be lost and the shore is strewn with wreckage from ships and boats in the roadstead. In many places the water is four feet deep in the streets and some of the thoroughfares are channels for raging torrents.

Communication with the outside world, except by a steamer, which has just stopped at the port, is cut off and the greatest misery exists, especially among the poor townspeople, the majority of whom have lost everything they had in the world.

From the country districts there has been great devastation. Without warning the cyclone burst on this "Place of Peace," accompanied by torrents of rain. The boats along shore and anchored in the bay were torn from their moorings and most of them were battered in collision or thrown upon the beach. The sky was overcast and many believed the end of the world at hand, and crowded the old mission church in a delirium of fear.

BOMB CASES ON TRIAL.

Sensational Disclosures Are Promised at Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Sensational disclosures are promised in the trial of Vincent A. and Joseph Altman, charged with malicious mischief and arson. A score of witnesses will be brought by the state in an attempt to prove that both were guilty of causing the explosion and fire which wrecked the Standard Sash & Door company's plant, May 28, 1908, and their testimony, it is claimed, will throw considerable light on the entire series of bomb outrages which have taken place in Chicago in the last two years.

Secretary John J. Brittain, of the Amalgamated Carpenters' union, said today that members of the union would do all in their power to aid the defense.

Assistant State's Attorney Benjamin J. Short, who will have charge of the prosecution, said that the reason the "Bomb 31" case would not be heard first was that State's Attorney Wayman believed it was not as important a case as that of the Standard Sash & Door company's explosion and fire, and that the penalty was not so great.

"Conviction in the case to be tried first means a penalty of 29 years' imprisonment," he said, "while in the 'Bomb 31' case there is no arson charge and the penalty for the offense is only ten years."

Baggage Smashing to End.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 14.—The baggage smasher's day in Kansas is ended. The Kansas board of railroad commissioners has issued an order that baggage men must not let trunks go tumbling down from a car door to the brick or stone station platform. Recently the baggage smashers have been more active than usual. The board has had many complaints of trunks being broken or damaged by the dropping from the car door to the platforms when the station agent did not want to pull up a truck to receive the baggage.

Halley's Comet Sighted.

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 14.—Halley's comet, for which astronomers have been eagerly watching, has been seen after an absence of 70 years, according to a dispatch received today at the Harvard observatory from Professor Wolff, of Heidelberg. The sight was obtained September 11, 56.42 in right ascension, six hours, 18 minutes, 12 seconds, declination 17 degrees, 1 minute south. It could be made out only with a large telescope.

Scott to Seek South Po's.

London, Sept. 14.—Captain R. Scott, who commanded the "Discovery" expedition in 1902, will start next July on his Antarctic expedition. Captain Scott said today his plan included the use of three methods, sledge, traction by ponies and dogs and motor sled.

TAFT PACKS HIS GRIP

All Is Ready for Start on Long Western Tour.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES ARE CLOSED

Goes to Boston by Motor and Official Trip Starts From There—Chicago Next Stop.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 14.—President Taft gave up his golf game and all official business yesterday and devoted himself to preparing for the long Western trip, which will really have its beginning when he motors into Boston this afternoon to attend a chamber of commerce banquet. The president will pass the night in Boston, leaving there for Chicago at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Mrs. Taft expects to remain in Beverly until November 12, when the president plans to arrive here to take her back to Washington. The executive offices will close after the president leaves Beverly.

With the assistance of two servants the president packed his numerous grips and trunks.

The president also was busy yesterday assembling the numerous papers, documents and reference books which he will need in the preparation of his manuscript. Secretary Carpenter had collected most of these and it was the president's task to revise the list. The president had no official engagements.

Oscar Lawlor, assistant attorney general of the Interior department, was at Beverly and his presence led to a renewal of the report that the president may have something to say on the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy before he leaves for Boston.

LOVETT IS HEAD.

Elected Chairman Union Pacific Executive Committee.

New York, Sept. 14.—Ex-Judge Robert S. Lovett, chief counsel for the Union Pacific railroad, was yesterday elected chairman of the executive committee of the company, thereby becoming the successor of Edward H. Harriman in the control of the vast railroad and steamship systems which the financier built up. The Union Pacific still remains without a president, as Mr. Harriman occupied this position also. It is understood, however, that an operating man, probably L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware & Hudson, will be elected to the place at the annual meeting of the stockholders October 12.

At the same meeting where Mr. Lovett was elected to the chief executive position of the keystone executive of the Harriman system, William Rockefeller and Jacob H. Schiff were elected members of the board of directors of the Union Pacific and were also appointed members of the executive committee. Messrs. Schiff and Rockefeller succeed Mr. Harriman and the late Henry H. Rogers as members of the board.

WOULD DIVIDE CALIFORNIA.

People of South Propose New State Because Taxes High.

Los Angeles, Sept. 14.—The South California State league was made a permanent organization at a mass meeting of citizens of Los Angeles, in Symphony hall today, with George N. Black as president and Herbert Burdette and B. A. Stephens as secretaries. The meeting was called by the Los Angeles Realty board to offer a protest against the recent action of the state board of equalization in raising the assessed valuation of the property of this county.

Many of those present at the meeting today wore badges inscribed "South California State League."

The wearing of these badges and many of the speeches made reflected a strong sentiment in favor of state division, and this was later crystallized in a set of resolutions passed by the meeting.

Opium Hidden Among Fish.

Marysville, Sept. 14.—Having received information that a large quantity of opium was being smuggled here from San Francisco, the police placed a watch on a Chinese store which was suspected. Officer Burroughs remained in hiding for five hours last night and finally was rewarded by catching several Chinese in the act of receiving a package marked "fish" from Wells, Fargo & Co. express. The men were arrested and the package was seized. It proved to contain a large amount of opium hidden among fish.

Immigrants Good Citizens.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—"The immigrant is a better American than the American himself. He has learned by experience in his native land to appreciate the freedom and advantages of the United States. He can understand the free life which the American takes merely as an individual." Dr. David Blaustein, superintendent of the Chicago Hebrew institute, speaking on America and the immigrant, thus expressed himself yesterday.

Knife for Governor Johnson.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 14.—Governor John A. Johnson will go to Rochester, Minn., this afternoon to undergo another operation as the result of an operation for appendicitis several years ago, which left several painful abscesses.