

# 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.

Wheat may go to \$2 per bushel.

The German emperor is to visit England in pomp.

Kansas City theater owners will fight Sunday closing.

The Oklahoma legislature has settled down to business.

Prominent Pittsburg people are fighting the foodstuff trust.

The recent race riot in New Orleans was due to religious fanatics.

Bishop Potter has shocked Richmond by inviting a negro to dinner.

No new cases of the plague have been reported in San Francisco since October 16.

Joseph Chamberlain, leader of the house of commons, seeks to place his son in his place.

The value of stocks have shrunk \$3,000,000,000, but the whole country except Wall street, is prosperous.

Schwartzchild & Sulzberger, big Chicago packers, are to erect a packing house at Portland. The plant will cost \$500,000.

The Hague conference has ended.

The Ford jury is not yet complete.

President Roosevelt has killed a bear.

Governor Hughes, of New York, says he will not be a candidate for president.

In a battle between police and negroes at New Orleans one was killed on each side.

One man was killed and two badly wounded in a war between Chinese tongas at Philadelphia.

Small has given up the attempt to retain the presidency of the striking telegraph operators.

The steamer Tartar collided with the ferryboat which runs between Vancouver and Victoria. The vessel will probably be a total loss.

The United States signal corps has just won the Lahm cup by sailing a balloon more than 420 miles. The start was made from St. Louis.

Williamson's appeal to the United States Supreme court has been filed. He was convicted at Portland for complicity in the Oregon land frauds. Attorney General Bonaparte will personally argue the case.

The general condition of Emperor Francis Joseph is not quite so good.

Marconi's wireless system between Ireland and Nova Scotia is now open for commercial business.

Another suspect has been arrested in connection with the robbing of American mail of gold dust in Alaska.

Americans in the Philippines are anxious for Taft to make a declaration of the administration policy towards the islands.

The jury for the second Ford trial has not been secured. Indications seem that Henev will not call Ruef in the coming trial.

The Heinzes have been driven from the New York stock exchange on account of heavy losses due to an effort to corner copper.

Six police dogs are on their way from Belgium to New York. In many of the cities of the old country dogs are found a great benefit.

Mulal Hag's army is marching on Casa Blanca where an attack on French troops is to be made.

A passenger train left the rails at Shrewsbury, England, killing 10 persons and injuring many.

President Small defies the telegraph operator's executive board to depose him and promises a fight.

Much of the old French machinery at the Panama canal is being used which had been thought entirely useless.

A story has just been unearthed by the grand jury at San Francisco that Ruef and Zimmer were to be kidnaped to prevent them giving testimony at the bribery trials.

The floods in the vicinity of Barcelona, Spain, continue to be most serious. Up to the present time five persons have been drowned and 30,000 thrown out of work.

Clarence Mackay, of the Postal Telegraph company, proposes to organize an association among the men who stood by him for mutual help and adjustment of complaints.

Anti-Roosevelt men in the East are preparing war with Japan.

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## BATTLE ON STREETCAR.

One Man Killed and Three Injured Over Transfer.

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—As a result of trouble over a transfer slip on a Polk street car of the United Railroads system Saturday evening, one man was shot and killed, another so seriously wounded that death will probably ensue, and two other men less severely injured.

When the car left the ferry to pass out Mission street, on its way to Polk, it was packed with passengers, including men returning from work, and women and children who had been across the bay. The crowded condition of the car made it difficult for the conductor to collect fares and, when Polk street was reached, both he and the uncomfortably crowded passengers were in a condition of irritable nervousness.

The man who started the trouble, according to his own admissions to the police, was John Monger. He said that when he paid his fare, early on the trip, he had asked the conductor for a transfer. Brown was busy and told Monger to wait awhile. Monger repeated his request several times, and Brown failed to hand him the slip. Finally Monger concluded that Brown did not intend to give him the ticket, and struck at the conductor. The latter dodged the blow and struck back at Monger, striking him in the face and knocking him down.

It was at this juncture that the shooting commenced. At the same time some one threw off the trolley and the car came to a standstill. The stoppage of the car, coupled with the noise in the rear, led the motorman to believe that his mate was in danger and, revolver in hand, he pushed his way through the crowded passengers.

## RAILROADS GAIN.

Reduced Passenger Rate in Nebraska Swells Earnings.

Omaha, Oct. 21.—Instead of the new two-cent railroad fare law having reduced the rates in Nebraska, it has actually increased the average rate per mile in this state, according to the report of the Union Pacific railroad, which has just been filed with the State Railway commission. And instead of the railroads having a fear of the two-cent law, they have been laughing in their sleeves over the diversion they have created by kicking against the passenger rates and drawing attention from the high freight rates charged in the trans-Mississippi country.

The annual report of the Union Pacific, which has just been filed with the commission, proves on examination to be a brief in behalf of the two-cent fare. Since the new law was enacted, the Union Pacific and other Nebraska railroads are charging full two cents per mile, as permitted by law. No excursion rates, no reduced fare, no commutation tickets of any kind and in fact nothing less than a straight two-cent fare ticket is sold in Nebraska. But the report which has just been made public shows that last year the average passenger traveled in Nebraska at the rate of 1.96 cents for each mile, a rate actually lower than that which is now charged by the railroads under the new law.

## TAFT'S DELPHIC WORDS.

Says He Will Probably be Private Citizen in Two Years.

Manila, Oct. 21.—At a banquet given in his honor in this city Saturday night, Secretary of War William H. Taft made a most significant statement. He was referring to the fact that he had already visited the Philippines three times and in expressing his intention to come here again, he said: "I hope in another two years to visit Manila again, but then I probably will come as a private citizen."

The significance of Mr. Taft's remarks in relation to the chances of his nomination for the presidency next year, did not seem to strike his audience. The secretary's speech was received with much enthusiasm by the representatives of the Filipinos present, and he declared the government was anxious and ready to help the business prosperity of the islands.

Mr. Taft devoted the day to an inspection of the schools of Manila.

## One Killed, Ten Injured.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—One trainman was killed and ten other persons were injured in a head-on collision between two suburban passenger trains on the Chicago & Northwestern road near Grand Avenue in this city last night. Walter Cushing, engineer of the north-bound train, was arrested and is being held pending an investigation of the accident. Harry Larson, killed, was fireman of the north bound train. The train crews all tell conflicting stories of the cause of the wreck, each engineer asserting that he had the right of way.

## Dangerous Fire in Des Moines.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 21.—Fire in the plant of the Standard Oil company today threatened for a time to do serious property damage and to result in loss of life. In the plant were tanks containing thousands of gallons of oil and gasoline, and if the fire had reached these a horrible explosion would have occurred. The firemen put up a desperate fight, however, and succeeded in getting the fire under control. The damage has not yet been ascertained.

## Valuable Quartz Stolen.

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—Some vandals from a cabinet at the mineral museum at the University of California stole quartz and other specimens valued at \$1,000. The faculty is offering a reward for clues to the thief's identity.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

## FRUIT LAND IN DEMAND.

Many Sales of Rogue River Valley Orchards.

Ashland—Things have been doing in Rogue river valley orchard lands recently as never before and numerous sales have been made in every portion of the valley at prices that a few years ago would have been counted fabulous, but which in reality are demonstrated to be only fair values when the returns from them and the possibilities of the future are taken into consideration. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of outside capital are being poured into the orchard industry in the Rogue river valley, in the purchase of bearing orchards, as well as in the planting of new orchards. Inquiries for larger or smaller tracts of the highly prized real estate of this valley are coming in from many states. Those who thought prices of orchard lands had reached the top notch a year or two ago are still wondering where it is going to stop, and people who sold too soon are sorry.

## Suspend Enrolling Fee.

Klamath Falls—In order to get additional lands under the Klamath project signed up, the Waterusers' association has voted to suspend for the next 90 days the enrolling fee of 65 cents per acre, charging only the assessment fee of 10 cents per acre. It is hoped thus to insure the beginning of the Clear lake dam next year. Those familiar with conditions say that no difficulty will be encountered in securing the additional land. A resolution was drawn up, protesting against the recent action of the reclamation service in leasing the Clear lake reserve to sheepmen, as it is feared that when the attempt is made to take sheep on a range where cattlemen have always had control serious trouble will arise.

## Bulletin on Oregon Fir.

University of Oregon, Eugene—What promises to be to the lumbering interests of the Pacific Northwest one of the most valuable bulletins ever published is the bulletin to be issued next spring by the department of forestry on the strength of Oregon fir. During the past two years a most thorough and exhaustive series of tests have been made by J. B. Knapp, engineer in charge at the University of Oregon testing station. In the preparation of the report, considerable collateral data will be used, and Mr. Knapp is now in Washington preparing his material.

## Trails for Reserve.

La Grande—Forester Schmitz, of the Blue mountain reserve, announces that it is the intention of the forestry department to open 20 miles of trails across the Blue mountains during the fall and winter months. As a result of the work good wagon trails will be used by the inhabitants of that district instead of the rough and in many instances impassable trails now being used. The trails will lead to La Grande and other points in the Grand Ronde valley. The government is offering \$2.25 per day for laborers on this work.

## Freight Via Weed and Bray.

Klamath Falls—A petition is being circulated among Klamath Falls business men addressed to the Southern Pacific company, asking that all freight and passenger business be routed via Weed and Bray over the California Northeastern. The petition cites the difficulties encountered on the Pogeama route during the winter, especially with freight, and the high rate for the hauling to this city. The company is asked to route via the new road at the earliest possible moment.

## Fruit Men Form Union.

Eugene—At a meeting of a number of Lane county fruit growers steps were taken to form a fruit growers' union for the purpose of mutual protection and to facilitate the shipping and handling of fruit. A committee consisting of the following was appointed to draft bylaws and constitution and to prepare articles of incorporation: George A. Dorris, Dr. H. F. McCormack, Frank Chase, O. Holt and M. H. Harlow.

## Do Not Need Rate.

Salem—The State Railway commission has received an answer from C. A. Malbout to a letter inquiring as to the advisability of putting in a low rate on apples from points west of Albany on the Corvallis & Eastern. He says the amount of fruit in that district, to the best of information, is inconsiderable. He added he was inquiring and if he found need of the rate he would consult with the proper authorities and establish it.

## Prepare Permanent Exhibit.

North Bend—The chamber of commerce of North Bend is preparing a permanent exhibit of the various products of the city and the surrounding country. The exhibit will be arranged attractively in one of the warehouses on the wharf so that it may be inspected by passengers on the boats which stop here. There will be samples of many different kinds of products.

## Bright Prospects for Western.

Weston—Prospects for a good school year at the Weston normal were never better than they are now, notwithstanding the crowded condition of the school rooms and living quarters. The registration in the normal department is now 155 students, with prospects of 200 by Christmas. In the training department there are about 100 young pupils.

## MAKES BIG REDUCTION.

Blue Mountain Reserve to Have 7 Per Cent Less Sheep.

Pendleton—As a result of the deliberations of the sheepmen's advisory board with A. F. Potter, head of the grazing department of the forestry bureau, he has agreed to reduce the number of sheep allowed the eastern division of the Blue mountain reserve to the extent of 28,000. This means a reduction of over 7 per cent in the number allowed last summer. No further cut will be necessary after next spring, as the range will be sufficient to maintain the 18,000 head allowed next summer. Mr. Potter announced there would be no stockmen's meeting, as last year, but that instead all should file applications for range with Henry Ireland, supervisor of the division.

## University's Great Growth.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The registration of the University of Oregon in the departments at Eugene, exclusive of the School of Music, has practically reached the 400 mark. The total enrollment in all departments at the present time is between 750 and 800. At the beginning of President Campbell's administration in 1902 the attendance was 224. The present freshman class numbers almost as many students as the total enrollment at that time. If the present rate of growth continues, it is expected the number of students next year will reach 600 in the departments at Eugene exclusive of music. The university offers no high school subjects, the requirements for entrance being the completion of the four-year high school course.

## Correspondence Work Success.

University of Oregon, Eugene—The demand throughout the state for the correspondence work now being offered by the University of Oregon is greatly surpassing the expectations of its most sanguine supporters. In a number of towns the teachers are forming clubs and carrying on work under the direction of the university instructors. The interest is not confined to teachers, however, for many young men and women who have found it impossible to attend college are taking the work. To begin with, only a small number of courses are being offered, such as English Classics and Shakespeare, English History, Pedagogy, Algebra, etc., but others will be added from time to time.

## Locators Form Long Line.

Lakeview—The list of applicants to purchase government land who are waiting in line before the United States land office has increased to 80 in number, and is growing steadily. Before October 28, when the lands included in the restoration will be subject to entry in the land office, the number of people in line is expected to surpass the number who preceded any previous restoration. Most of those in line are applicants under the timber law.

## Must Apply in Person.

La Grande—The La Grande land office is in receipt of instructions from the commissioner of the general land office that hereafter all applications for the sale of isolated tracts must be made in person by the applicant at the land office. Heretofore applicants could make out their papers before a notary public.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 89@90c; bluestem, 91@92c; valley, 89@90c; red, 87@88c. Oats—No. 1 white, \$28; gray, \$27. Barley—Feed, \$27.50 per ton; brewing, \$29; rolled, \$30@31. Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33. Hay—Valley Timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, 23; clover, \$13; cheat, \$13; grain hay, \$13@14; alfalfa, \$13@14. Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$1 @ 1.50 per crate; peaches, 60c@1 per crate; prunes, 50c per crate; watermelons, 1c per pound; pears, \$1@1.75 per box; grapes, 40c@1.50 per crate; casaba, \$2.25 per dozen; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; huckleberries, 7@8c per pound; cranberries, \$9.50@10.50 per barrel. Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25 per sack; cabbage, 1@1 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, 25c@1 per dozen; celery, 50c@1 per dozen; corn, 85c@1 per sack; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; onions 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peppers, 8@10c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; squash, 50c@1 per box; tomatoes, 25@50c per box. Onions—\$1.50@1.65 per sack. Potatoes—75@85c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c per pound. Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@35c per pound. Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8 1/2@9c per pound; 125 to 150 pounds, 7 1/2c; 150 to 200 pounds, 6@7c. Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 8@8 1/2c per pound; packers, 7 1/2@8c. Poultry—Average old hens, 12@12 1/2c per pound; mixed chickens, 11@12c; spring chickens, 11 1/2@12c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, old, 16; young, 18; geese, live, 8@9c; ducks, 12 1/2c; pigeons, \$1@1.50 per dozen; squabs, \$2@3. Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 32 1/2@35c per dozen. Hops—1907, 7 1/2@9c per pound; olds, 4@5c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20@25c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30 per pound.

## ARRANGE COMPROMISE.

Warring Telegraphers to Settle Differences in Convention.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Warring officials of the striking telegraphers reached a compromise tonight. They have postponed hostilities until the convening of the emergency convention, called in Milwaukee for October 23.

The elimination of S. J. Small, former president, as a factor in the fight will be sought at the convention by the executive committee. A temporary president to succeed Small and direct the strike or its settlement will be chosen, it is expected, from the committee's membership. Mr. Small still contends that no convention will be called, but is making efforts to control its action through his friends.

The trace of the battling officials came after a descent upon the telegraphers' headquarters in the Monon building by ex-President Small and a bodyguard of detectives. They arrived before the members of the executive committee reached the office and took possession at once. The committee members and Secretary Russell were refused admission to the office.

## TRADE HAS NOT DECREASED.

American-Asia Association Expects No War With Japan.

New York, Oct. 18.—That there has not been a falling off in trade with Japan following the Japanese-Russian war, but on the contrary a healthful resumption of normal conditions, was the statement of James R. Morse, president of the American-Asiatic association, at the annual meeting of the organization today. Conditions in China have not been so good, but there are prospects of recovery from depressed conditions. In the secretary's report, John Ford says:

"The obviously temporary character of the settlement of the Japanese exclusion question in California tended to encourage rather than to check the circulation of foolish and mischievous rumors of impending war between the two countries. All the influence of your executive committee has been exerted to demonstrate the absurdity of assuming that there could be any serious quarrel between the two governments in dealing with the issue raised in California."

## RAILWAY CLEARING HOUSE.

Official Suggests Feasible Scheme to Prevent Car Shortage.

Los Angeles, Oct. 18.—Nearly every railway company is studying to perfect plans for the quick movement of cars and rolling stock, with a view to eliminating the shortage features of the business this winter. It is argued that with the proper shifting of cars and a careful adjustment nearly one-third more business can be transacted with the present equipment.

It is suggested by an official here, and the plan is under consideration, that there be formed a pool of equipment by the various roads and a clearing house for cars. Any demand for cars by any road would be made to the clearing house, and that concern would give over the required number of cars from the nearest supply, or in case of a shortage, or a multiplicity of demands the orders would be filled pro rata.

Under this plan it would be the duty of every road to wire daily reports of the exact location of all its cars. The entire equipment of the pool would be registered in the clearing house, much in the same manner in which the cars of a line are tabulated by each of the different roads at present.

## His First Ride on Train.

Seoul, Oct. 18.—The emperor and crown prince of Korea left Seoul for Chemulpo at 12:30 this afternoon to receive the crown prince of Japan, Yoshihito. This was the first time the crown prince of Korea had ever ridden on a railroad train, and he showed a childlike interest in the proceeding. He was delighted with the speed of the cars. The Japanese crown prince landed from a warship in the harbor at 2 p. m. and he was greeted at the dock by the Korean emperor and the Korean crown prince.

## Trap for Blackmailers.

Lead, S. D., Oct. 18.—An attempt to extort \$20,000 from J. Grier, manager of the Homestake gold mine, under threat of dynamiting his home unless the money was placed in a designated place, was frustrated last night when the police arrested Mrs. Anna Maljas and Chris Maljas, her husband, and Matt Zimbola, who came to the place designated. Grier's house, the finest in South Dakota, is located on the top of a steep hill in the center of town.

## Older Sues His Kidnapers.

San Francisco, Oct. 18.—Suit was filed today by Fremont Older against Luther G. Brown, G. A. Wyman and Ben Cohn, alleging false arrest and imprisonment and demanding damages of \$100,250. The suit grows out of the recent kidnaping of Mr. Older, the three defendants having been concerned in that adventure.

# AID COAST SHIPPING

Government May Establish Line to Isthmus of Panama.

## PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE IS BAD

Chambers of Commerce of Pacific Ports Asked for Data as to Prospective Business.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—President C. H. Bentley, of the chamber of commerce, has taken up the task of providing the War department of the United States with all the information available in San Francisco that the department requires preliminary to considering the advisability of putting on a line of steamers to compete with the Pacific Mail between the isthmus of Panama and San Francisco and other Pacific Coast ports. A committee has been appointed by Mr. Bentley, with Captain William Matson as chairman, and including George D. Gray and James McNab.

This information has been asked for by Joseph L. Bristow, who was appointed a special commissioner by President Roosevelt two years ago to look into the steamship service between American ports, and is now under instructions by the War department to proceed further along the same lines.

"I am advised by the secretary of war," Mr. Bristow has written to the chambers of commerce of San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, "that, while the service of the Pacific Mail Steamship company has not been withdrawn, it is very unsatisfactory. He has advised me to make further inquiry as to the advisability of the government's establishing a steamship line between the Pacific Coast ports of the United States and Panama."

At first it was supposed that the inquiry would deal largely and to a certain extent exclusively with the question of how much freight could be provided by the government as a canal digger and in its capacity of furnishing supplies for the great naval and military plants to be located at San Francisco, and for the insular possession of the United States in the Pacific which move by sea. Now it is developed that the scope of the proposed governmental line of line of steamships is much wider.

Mr. Bristow has submitted a list of questions to the several chambers of commerce of the Pacific Coast regarding all sorts of freight that can be moved by sea. The questions run the complete gamut of the sea-carrying trade and include the following:

"Under neutral conditions, with rates fixed upon a basis of reasonable compensation for services rendered, would there be sufficient business between the Pacific and Atlantic ports of the United States to warrant the establishment of a first-class line of steamships to make regular schedule trips weekly from Pacific Coast ports to Panama?"

## TEAR UP THE TOWN.

Ex-Chief Dinan Turns Crooks Loose in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—The familiar game of applying crooked police methods to a desperate political situation is being energetically worked in San Francisco. The purpose is to discredit the present administration of the police department and thus to injure the candidacy of Mayor Taylor.

Behind the game, pulling the strings, is Jerry Dinan, the indicted chief of police, who saved himself from summary dismissal by resigning. His chief of staff is his bosom friend, "Kid" Sullivan, "king of the pickpockets."

The staff consists of the little army of crooks, men and women, whom Dinan allowed to stay here and "do business" if they "got right" with him through "Kid" Sullivan.

Word has been sent out for the gang to "tear up the town," and in consequence hold-ups, petty thievery and luggery have increased to an alarming extent.

## Keep Poor at Home.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 19.—According to advice the Japanese government will organize a bureau of emigration and colonization. Recent action on the part of the government resulting from the protests from the Pacific coast have forced into liquidation 28 immigration companies. The government raised the indemnity which each company is compelled to furnish, from from \$5,000 each to \$25,000. Another circumstance having to do with their failure is the refusal to issue passports to Mexico and Peru.

## Japs File Claims.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 19.—One of the most complete documents ever presented to this government was presented this morning when the Japanese filed their claims for damages resulting from the anti-Japanese riots here. In every case the claim is backed up by photographs and blue prints. There are two claims presented, one for actual loss and the other for time and prospective loss. The first claim calls for \$2,400 and the other for \$11,100.

## No Tunnel Under Sea.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The Russian government has published an official denial of the statement that it designs a tunnel under Behring sea.