

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

New York is overrun by hundreds of unemployed.

The twenty-fourth Japanese diet has just convened.

President Roosevelt is hunting turkeys at Pine Knot, Va.

State Treasurer Steel, of Oregon, has filed his new bond in the sum of \$635,000.

Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturers plan a resumption of work for fully 10,000 former employees during January.

Railroads throughout the country have shown the effects of the financial panic by a curtailment of orders for rolling stock.

At a meeting of the Pacific Coast Commercial Travelers' association in San Francisco it was voted to stop gambling among members.

A passenger train collided head-on with a freight near Lenox, Mich. Five men met death. All passengers escaped with but slight injuries.

In a raid on Chinese gambling houses Portland police secured \$10,166.90 in coin and currency and \$4,445.09 of exchange on Hongkong banks.

Raleigh, N. C., has voted prohibition.

Dewey has just celebrated his 70th birthday.

Officers and crews of the big fleet are enjoying life at Trinidad.

Henry says special privilege is the root of political corruption.

Reports of New York banks show a recovery from the money crisis.

Accused members of the first Russian douma deny they advised rebellion.

Indiana Republicans have formally endorsed Fairbanks as their candidate for president.

It is said a dark horse has been selected to fill Bristol's place as United States attorney for Oregon.

Burning snowsheds near Truckee, Cal., has greatly delayed Southern Pacific trains between Portland and San Francisco.

Latest developments in the row between naval factions brings out the fact that it is over ranking of officers.

Five men were killed while working in a Paris subway.

St. Joseph, Mo., has started a crusade against loan sharks.

The New York Republican club has declared for Hughes for president.

All signs of yellow fever has been driven from the Panam canal zone.

Puget sound steamboat men will cut the pay of their engineers January 1.

Lawson says only the re-election of Roosevelt can avert a national disaster.

A severe sleet storm has demoralized telegraphic communication around Chicago.

The head of the Methodist Book concern calls labor unions the worst of tyrants.

The Bank of Callistoga, Callistoga, Cal., has closed. Officers of the institution say it will reopen.

Henry is in Washington arranging with Attorney General Bonaparte for the Oregon land fraud trials, which will begin at Portland January 13.

A detachment of 900 Chinese soldiers in Manchuria murdered their officers and pillaged the neighboring villages. Cavalry has been sent after them.

Philadelphia is facing a street car strike.

The first woman jury in Colorado has decided against a woman.

Secretary Taft says self government is succeeding very well in the Philippines.

New York bank statements show a complete recovery from the financial stringency.

Goldfield mine owners are trying to prevail on the president to allow the troops to remain.

LET TROOPS STAY.

Senator Newlands Thinks Goldfield Needs Them.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senator Newlands, of Nevada, is endeavoring to prevent withdrawal of the government troops from Goldfield until some other means of protection is had.

Mr. Taft has been advising with Secretary Root on this subject and tonight communicated with the president at Pine Knot on the subject.

The secretary declined to state what course he had recommended in the matter, nor would he say whether he had heard from the president in turn.

Administration officials feel that the present situation in the matter of Goldfield's case cannot be continued, in view of the doubt that exists as to the constitutional and legal right of the executive to employ any part of the regular army in Nevada under present conditions.

HENEY GIVES FULTON A DIG.

Says All Implicated in Land Frauds Are Senator's Friends.

Washington, Dec. 30.—In an interview telegraphed from New York, Francis J. Heney is quoted as saying:

"I hope to close these Oregon cases with Mr. Bristol in two or three weeks." Inquiry at the Department of Justice failed to elicit definite information as to whether or not Mr. Bristol would assist Mr. Heney with the prosecution.

If no new district attorney is appointed by the time the land trials begin, Mr. Bristol may assist Mr. Heney, but there appears to be an expectation that a new man will be available before then, in which case Mr. Bristol will be out and have nothing to do with the land trials.

In the same interview Mr. Heney takes another rap at Senator Fulton. He denies having implicated Mr. Fulton in the land frauds, but adds:

"All of these persons who have been implicated in organized land frauds are friends of Senator Fulton. Therefore it appears whimsical to me that Senator Fulton should, through the power of senatorial courtesy, be able to defeat the nomination of Mr. Bristol, who is capable of making it unpleasant for the yet unconvicted land thieves in Oregon."

UTES RAID SOUTHERN UTAH

Pen Up Cowboys and Band of Cattle in Canyon.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 30.—Colorado Ute Indians are traveling in bands in Southern Utah, raiding sheep and cattlemen, according to a report received by Governor John C. Cutler.

The governor will take up the matter with the authorities at Washington, as according to a ruling of the commissioner of Indian affairs the Colorado or Southern Utes are forbidden to enter Utah.

Attack on Wells-Fargo.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Before Interstate Commerce Commissioner F. K. Lane tomorrow charges of illegal rate making made against the Wells-Fargo Express company by the California Commerce association will be heard.

Will Liquidate With Profit.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—"All holders of stock in the State National bank will receive from \$150 to \$200 per share for their stock and all depositors will be paid in full," was the official announcement today of W. Sparkerson, counsel for the institution, whose directors have called a stockholders' meeting to decide whether the bank shall go out of business.

Radical Decision in Hamburg.

Hamburg, Dec. 30.—The suit of the harbor authorities against the Portworkers' union, growing out of the recent dock strike, has resulted in a decision of the widest importance against the latter. The union is forbidden in the future to interfere with the introduction of strike breakers, and a penalty of 1,500 marks is provided for each instance in which a conviction is obtained on the charge. The union has entered an appeal.

Negroes Begin Suits.

New York, Dec. 30.—Papers in a case to test the legality of the discharge of the private of companies B, C and D of the 25th United States Infantry (colored), following the disorders in the streets of Brownsville a year ago, have been prepared by a law firm of this city.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FULL OF SUGAR.

Good Report on Klamath Country Sugar Beets.

Klamath Falls.—Frank Ira White of the Enterprise Land & Investment company has just received reports from the department of agriculture relative to samples of sugar beets raised on the Enterprise tract.

The department of agriculture in a letter to Mr. White says Klamath county's sugar beets are of the most excellent quality and that prospects are bright for the industry in this county.

Many Make Own Way.

University of Oregon, Eugene.—A canvass of the students of the University of Oregon just made shows that between 60 and 70 per cent of the men in the university this year are either wholly or partially making their own way through college.

INCREASE IN TILLABLE ACRES

Umatilla County Shows Big Gain in Five Years.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county's rapid development is shown in the recent summary of the taxable property in the county, recently furnished the secretary of state by Assessor Strain.

The increase in the number of tillable acres is due in large measure to the different irrigation projects which are being completed.

Each Farm to Be Named. Grants Pass.—Among the business transacted at the Josephine County Fruitgrowers' union at its last meeting was the adopting of individual letterheads and letter paper, upon which will be designated the name of the fruit farm and the brands packed by the grower.

Salem Hoppgrowers Sign.

Salem.—Thirty-seven out of the 42 hoppgrowers who attended the meeting of growers here last week signed the by-laws, prepared for a Pacific Coast Hoppgrowers' union.

Railroad Buys Laidlaw.

Laidlaw.—The rumor has been rife in this community for some time that the Laidlaw townsite had been sold to the Mount Hood Railroad company.

Wheat Trade Stagnant.

Pendleton.—Business is dull in the local wheat market, the price being down, and the farmers are unwilling to part with the holdings at a figure that is 10 cents lower than what they could have secured early in the fall.

More Traveling Libraries.

Salem.—The Oregon Library commission held its regular session last week at the commissioner's rooms in the state house.

Fall Pack Poor.

Astoria.—During the fall fishing season there were six cold storage plants and 11 canneries in operation on the various streams along the Oregon coast.

To Attend Scientists Meet.

Corvallis.—A. L. Kniesly, Federal chemist for Oregon, expects to start East immediately after Christmas, to attend the midwinter meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical society at Chicago.

Select by Conventions.

Salem.—In answer to an inquiry from Chairman G. A. Westgate, of the Republican state central committee, Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he says that delegates to the national conventions and candidates for presidential elector must be chosen at conventions and not under the direct primary.

Shut Down on Keno Canal.

Klamath Falls.—The reclamation service has closed down on the Keno canal on account of the wet weather, keeping only the derrick gang and the engineering corps. The shutdown was made necessary on account of the wet weather.

OPEN HEARTS AND PURSES.

San Francisco Banks Generous With Overworked Clerks.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Elated at the calm course of business which marked the discontinuance of the holidays, the local bankers opened their hearts and purses and their clerks and other employees were richer by \$30,000 than they were yesterday.

The Crocker National bank led off yesterday morning, when a yellow envelope was placed on the desk of every employee. It contained an amount equivalent to one month's salary.

The Merchants Exchange gave every one of its employees a big, fat turkey. It employs 100 people. One mercantile firm provided every one of its employees with all the things that go to make up a Christmas dinner—turkeys, vegetables, fruit and pies.

SPECIAL SESSION PROBABLE.

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Governor of Utah Wants Peace Assured at Goldfield.

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The rumor has been current here that a company of rangers is contemplated, and, as this could not be done without action by the legislature, the statement of Captain Cox is taken to mean that, such a plan is decided upon, the legislature will be convened.

A suit against the Western Federation of Miners is to be brought by the Goldfield Mineowners' association in the Federal court. An injunction will be asked for restraining the members of the local miners union, which is affiliated with the Western Federation, from interfering in any way with the operation of the mines in Goldfield.

It has been definitely decided that after December 30 each individual mine owner or each company operating a mine or lease, shall take care of his own property, independent of the association. This will necessitate the putting on of many more guards.

Acting President Mahoney has made no attempt yet to appear before the mineowners and present any proposition looking to a solution of the difficulties, if he has prepared any such proposition, which he denies.

FLEET AT TRINIDAD.

Battleships Complete First Stage of Long Voyage.

New York, Dec. 25.—Special dispatches from Port of Spain, island of Trinidad, announce the arrival there of the Atlantic fleet on its way to the Pacific. The fleet is said to have passed there in four columns five miles off the town.

According to the dispatches, the only mishap on the trip from Hampton Roads to Port of Spain was a temporary derangement of the Kentucky steering gear. They also say that the entire fleet stopped engines for nine minutes Sunday and half masted flags while Ordinary Seaman G. E. Piper, who died of meningitis aboard the Alabama, was buried.

The harbor of Port of Spain, while well protected, is shallow for a long distance out from the beach and vessels of great draft like the battleships anchor a long way out. The fleet will remain in the harbor for several days and will coal there. Supplies will also be taken on board of the supply ship Culgoa and the refrigerator ship Glacier.

Reduce Entire Force.

Sacramento, Dec. 25.—That there is to be a great reduction of the force employed in the local railroad shops after the first of the year was admitted yesterday by officials of the company, who say that the retrenchment is to be general on the Harriman system. In an interview, an official said: "The orders for the general layoff Christmas week came from New York, not San Francisco, and apply to the entire system, not Sacramento alone. It is purely an economical measure, paving the way for a reduction of force."

Largest in Navy.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Orders have been received at Watervliet arsenal for two of the new type 14-inch coast guns. The work will be commenced January 1. The guns will be the first of this type ever made in this country. The 14-inch weapon is about 40 feet long and weighs about 50 tons. It throws a heavier projectile than the 12-inch gun to a greater distance. The 14-inch tube will in time supplant the 12-inch rifle on the sea coast.

Denver Begins to Pay.

Denver, Dec. 25.—The first installment (\$25,000) of the \$100,000 fund pledged to the Democratic National committee by the Denver Convention league was forwarded yesterday by Chairman Thomas Taggart, at French Lick, Ind. The remainder will be paid in equal installments on January 22, February 22, and March 22.

FEUD ARISES IN NAVY

Brownson Resigns as Chief of Bureau of Navigation.

COMMAND OF HOSPITAL SHIPS

One Sent With Battleship Fleet Is in Complete Control of Hospital Corps.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Harmony within the United States navy bureaucracy seems to be in for a severe jolt. Open war already has been declared between the bureau of navigation and the bureau of medicine and surgery, the initial result of which has been the resignation of Rear Admiral Brownson from his position as chief of the former bureau, and, coming just at a time when severe criticism is being aimed at the administration of the Navy department, the charges involving the bureau system in particular, the ruction may culminate in some radical changes.

Surgeon General Rixey, whose recommendation in favor of putting a medical officer in absolute command of a hospital ship was approved by President Roosevelt against the view of Admiral Brownson, throws down the gauntlet to the bureau of navigation in a formal statement issued last night. The surgeon general charges that the bureau of navigation has interfered in an unwarranted manner with the bureau of medicine and surgery, and to the extent of crippling its usefulness.

Comparatively trivial events sometimes lead to sweeping reforms, and, if there be defects in management, in naval construction and in methods of administration, the Roosevelt-Brownson-Rixey imbroglio is likely to be the means of bringing matters to a focus and causing remedies to be applied where needed.

It should not be forgotten that the president is as staunch a friend of the navy as the navy has, in considering the present controversy, which so materially involves himself. Popular sentiment naturally would incline the expert observer to side with the line officers in the conflict with the staff, because the line is the fighting contingent from which heroes most frequently are developed in days of war. In siding against the line officers in the present case, the president may or may not be aiming his spear at the bureau system. He has taken a ground he thinks is for the best interests of the service.

FLOUR OUTPUT SMALLER.

Minneapolis Statistics Show Effect of Financial Stringency.

Minneapolis, Dec. 26.—Flour shipments from Minneapolis for 1907 will fall short of the total shipped during 1906 by nearly a million barrels. This decrease has been apparently due to the financial stringency, as the figures for each month show that only in three months of the entire year have the shipments for 1907 exceeded those for the same month in 1906.

The number of barrels of flour sent out from Minneapolis by the various mills so far this year has been 13,825,375, while for the corresponding period in 1906 there were 14,573,123 barrels shipped, a deficit of 747,748 barrels.

Despite the recent financial stringency, the sales of flour for use in the country or for export did not suffer so much as was generally expected. The shipments for October this year were 1,449,802 barrels, against 1,593,007 last year. In November of this year the greatest falling off is shown with shipments of 1,067,970 barrels, against 1,318,648 a year ago. For the trading days in December up to the present, 679,271 barrels have been sent out as against 979,494 for the corresponding days last year.

Wheels Turn Again.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Christmas fir Pittsburg and vicinity was made doubly joyous by the announcement that by January 6 all of the thousands of wheels of industry in the mills of McKeesport, Glassport, Duquesne and allied plants in the Monongahela valley would be in operation. Over forty thousand men who have been idle for several weeks will return to work. It is also said that other mills in the district will also resume, practically doubling the number of workmen employed within fifty miles of Pittsburg.

Will Sing After Death.

Paris, Dec. 26.—There was a unique ceremony this afternoon in the suburban passages of the opera house. It consisted of depositing in a specially prepared vault a talking machine and a number of discs bearing records of the voices of the greatest singers of the 20th century. Tamagno, Caruso, Scotti, Plancon, Patti, Melba, Calve and others are represented in the selection. At the end of a hundred years they will be opened and played.

Great Tinplate Mill to Resume.

Newcastle, Pa., Dec. 26.—Ten of the 30 pot mills of the Shenango tin mills here will resume operations January 6 next. Ten additional mills will resume shortly after, and it is expected that the entire plant will be running full force before the end of January. The mill, said to be the largest tin plant in the world, has been idle since July 31. Fully a thousand men are affected.