

# EVENTS OF THE DAY

## Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

### PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

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

Improvements are soon to be made in Grant's tomb.

All arrangements for Taft's inauguration are completed.

Rioting against royalty ended the carnival week at Lisbon.

Harriman is to address the Texas legislature on railroad laws.

The Balkan trouble is about to prove too much for the powers to untangle.

Heny's fees for prosecuting the Oregon land frauds amounted to \$65,000.

Great Britain has provided for an increase of about 100,000 men in the army.

Senator Fulton will in all probability be appointed as the new Federal judge for Oregon.

The butterine and storage house of the Swift Packing company at Chicago was destroyed by fire.

The plan of keeping half of the navy on the Pacific has been left to the discretion of the president.

The pope is not enjoying the best of health and public audiences have been discontinued for the present.

All members of Roosevelt's cabinet who will not continue in office have completed plans for private life.

Three holdup men accused of the theft of 46 cents have been sent to the penitentiary for life by a Chicago judge and jury.

Senator Root has denounced anti-Jap agitators and canal muckrakers.

Taft has declared for a prompt tariff revision and the creation of a commission later.

A man horsewhipped Billy Sunday at Springfield, Ill., for using vile language before women.

A million dollar corporation has been formed to manage the discoveries of the wizard Luther Burbank.

Von Buelow has warned Russia that if she helps Serbia against Austria Germany will fight for Austria.

Seismographs in various parts of the world have recorded another severe earthquake. It is thought to have been in South America.

The battleship fleet has begun to disperse to the various Atlantic navy yards and the work of overhauling the vessels will begin at once.

Important reductions in freight rates throughout the country are to be made by the railroads. In most cases the advances made in January are to be annulled.

The United States revenue cutter Mohawk struck the rocks off Hell Gate at the entrance to New York harbor. A bad leak was sprung but the vessel may be saved.

Harriman has just celebrated his 61st birthday.

Riotous suffragettes have been sent to jail in London.

A direct primary law is to be rushed through the Colorado legislature.

Oklahoma is accused of reviving a secession document in a new form.

"Lucky" Baldwin is seriously ill and his physicians say he cannot survive.

The railroad right of way up the Deschutes river is being held up by the reclamation service.

A Salt Lake man committed suicide by filling a basin with chloroform and immersing his head.

Following the cut in freight rates by the Harriman line of steamships, rail lines may reduce their charges.

Professor Lowell, of the Lowell, Ariz., observatory, says the earth will collide with an unknown dark planet, but cannot give the date.

A suspect has been arrested at Tacoma in connection with the Portland East Side bank robbery. The bank was held up several months ago and \$17,000 secured.

The International Opium conference, at its session in Shanghai, expressed the fear that with the restricted traffic in opium morphine would become a popular drug.

It has developed that the late Governor Sparks lost all his property in being elected governor and trying to be elected United States senator. He was once rated as one of the wealthiest men in the state.

Bryan is preparing for old age by buying a Texas fruit ranch.

The Calhoun jury at San Francisco has not yet been completed.

Encroachments of Russia on China in Manchuria are increasing.

The Pacific Mail Steamship company has made a heavy cut in all east bound freight rates.

Five counties of Indiana have voted dry. One hundred and forty-three saloons are put out of business.

## STATEHOOD BLOCKED.

### Senate Committee Terminates Labor on Hearing of Corruption.

Washington, March 1.—Arizona and New Mexico's hope for statehood at the present session of congress went glimmering today in a sensational manner when the members of the senate committee that had the bill under discussion rose one by one and left their places without arranging for any future meeting, after the most sensational charges of political corruption in New Mexico had been made.

This action occurred at the conclusion of the reading of reports prepared by Beveridge and Nelson, in which it was stated that a gang had charge of New Mexico's interior affairs, and that corruption, jury bribing and many other offenses were the rule and not the exception.

Among the statements made was a telegram from J. J. Hagerman, former governor of New Mexico, reflecting upon the character of the people who are in control of politics in that territory, and declaring that these men expect to continue their control after the territory becomes a state. He refers to them as "freebooters," and says that 60 per cent of the voters are Mexicans, and one-half of that number are illiterate and ignorant, and easily could be governed by the "gang" to which he referred. He suggested that it would be well to wait until after the next census before admitting New Mexico to statehood.

## JAPAN FUSS ENDS.

### Good Humor Returns to Brown Men of Island Empire.

Tokio, March 1.—During the recent discussion in Japan of the attitude of certain persons in California in regard to the Japanese residents it appears that one of the difficulties faced by the Japanese newspapers was that their correspondents at the various points lacked an appreciation of conditions in America, as well as capacity to analyze the feelings of the people or the standing of those who espoused particular action.

As a result only the most sensational publications appearing in the newspapers in America as a rule reached the newspapers in Japan, the result being that from the outset there was almost an entire misunderstanding as to the real situation.

Later, as the position of the leading people of California developed through the more reliable press dispatches, a better feeling began to prevail, and now this controversy has almost entirely ceased. In fact many of the newspapers say that much good has come out of the evil, inasmuch as the discussion brought out even a greater degree of friendship on the part of America toward Japan than was at first believed to exist.

## RUMOR SURPRISES CASTRO.

### Late Venezuelan Ruler Says He Never Planned Gomez' Death.

Dresden, March 1.—Cipriano Castro, late president of Venezuela, today authorized the publication of a declaration of his innocence of the charge that he had conspired to bring about the assassination of Juan Vicente Gomez, the present president of the republic. "It is incredible," says he, "that after having shown my interest in him in so many ways I should try to cause him to be murdered. If Gomez had given me occasion to suspect him, I would have given orders regarding him before my departure from Venezuela, and I would not have been so stupid as to send such an order by cable.

"The shameless individual who instigated this conspiracy against me will have to proceed to the utmost extremes in order to justify himself, for he is aware that as soon as the matter is understood the Venezuelan people will not tolerate such perfidy."

## Wireless From Train to Train.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 1.—Remarkable wireless telegraph experiments were made today when a number of messages were successfully sent from a special train running between Buffalo and this city at the rate of 70 miles an hour. A Lake Shore train especially equipped for the purpose left Buffalo this morning and arrived here this afternoon, when the success of the tests was reported. One message was sent to President Roosevelt. The experiments cost \$6 a minute.

## Berlin Not Enthusiastic.

Chicago, March 1.—Marked indifference characterized the German reception of President Roosevelt's proposal of an international conference for the conservation of natural resources, according to a cablegram from Berlin. The dispatch adds that the proposal, however, doubtless will be accepted. A financial authority suggests that Roosevelt is "trying indirectly to get back at the trusts, which are exploiting America's natural wealth."

## Two Cruisers Sail South.

Panama, March 1.—The cruisers California and Pennsylvania, of the United States Pacific squadron, now here, will leave tomorrow for Annapolis, on the west coast of Honduras. The cruise follows instructions believed to have been received from Washington because of the troubled condition of affairs in Central America.

## Jury is Unable to Agree.

Pittsburg, March 1.—The jury in the graft case in which Councilmen J. C. Wasson, William Brand and John F. Klein are charged with conspiracy and the taking of bribes, reported tonight that it had been unable to agree, and was locked up till tomorrow.

## Record of the Legislature

The following bills passed by both houses of the legislature have become laws. In some cases they were signed by the governor, some he allowed to become laws without his signature and others were passed over his veto.

- S. B. 1.—Creation of artisan well districts.
- S. B. 4.—Trial by jury after default in damage suits.
- S. B. 7.—Appeal from Justice Court within 30 days.
- S. B. 9.—Dixing districts may levy tax for repairs.
- S. B. 19.—Fixing salaries of Constables and Justices at Seaside, Clatsop County.
- S. B. 21.—In criminal cases Judgment to be in lieu from date.
- S. B. 12.—For renewal of Judgment every 10 years.
- S. B. 13.—Voters absent from the state may register.
- S. B. 15.—Bank deposits not drawn for seven years to be subject to the state.
- S. B. 19.—Hotels and lodgings to have fire escapes.
- S. B. 18.—Hotels and lodgings to be provided with beds for the poor.
- S. B. 23.—Providing for two additional S. B. 24.—For treatment of tuberculosis in Klamath County.
- S. B. 26.—Three additional dairy inspectors appointed by the Governor, with consent of the Dairy Commissioner.
- S. B. 27.—Minors not to engage in games of chance in public resorts.
- S. B. 28.—Increasing the salary of Union County Recorder.
- S. B. 32.—Additional salary for judge of Eighth District (Over Governor's veto).
- S. B. 35.—Revised military code.
- S. B. 42.—For aid of Linn County Fair, September 1909.
- S. B. 43.—For aid for Eastern Oregon Experimental Farm.
- S. B. 48.—Salary School Superintendent to refund indebtedness.
- S. B. 52.—Authorizing school districts to refund indebtedness.
- S. B. 53.—Thirty days' notice of entry taken up.
- S. B. 59.—Title guarantee companies to deposit \$50,000 security.
- S. B. 60.—Government may acquire lands for Government buildings.
- S. B. 65.—Manner of amending charters of charitable institutions.
- S. B. 61.—Defining a legal fence in Eastern Oregon.
- S. B. 62.—Schedule of fees for factory inspectors.
- S. B. 64.—Supreme Court may transfer Circuit Judges.
- S. B. 65.—To abolish secret societies in public schools.
- S. B. 67.—\$160,000 for maintenance of Agricultural College.
- S. B. 68.—Prescribing manner of taking depositions.
- S. B. 72.—For distribution of session laws and journals.
- S. B. 74.—Appropriating \$20,000 for hatcheries south of Columbia.
- S. B. 75.—Salary of Linn County Superintendent (Over Governor's veto).
- S. B. 77.—Irrigation code.
- S. B. 79.—Salary of Recorder in Washington County.
- S. B. 85.—\$50,000 appropriation for Experimental Station at Burns.
- S. B. 86.—Costs allowed when real property has been attached.
- S. B. 93.—Game code.
- S. B. 107.—Providing seats for motorists.
- S. B. 109.—For central hatchery on Columbia.
- S. B. 112.—Regulating sale of concentrated stock foods.
- S. B. 113.—Relating to the appropriation of land for cooperative purposes.
- S. B. 114.—Fixing salaries of clerk and deputies of Supreme Court.
- S. B. 116.—Copies of Supreme Court decisions to be filed in office of clerk of court.
- S. B. 119.—Additional salary for Circuit Judge in Ninth District.
- S. B. 120.—Salary of School Superintendent in Marion County.
- S. B. 125.—New military code.
- S. B. 127.—For free ferry across Willamette at Peoria.
- S. B. 128.—Special tax by districts for roads.
- S. B. 133.—Manner of letting contracts for bridge building.
- S. B. 135.—Persons under 18 not to be employed in mines.
- S. B. 140.—Ten hours a day's work for females in telephone and telegraph offices.
- S. B. 141.—Regulating manner of filing town plats.
- S. B. 147.—Time for bringing libel suits one year.
- S. B. 149.—Providing leather pouches for election ballot boxes.
- S. B. 151.—Creating Conservation Commission.
- S. B. 157.—Warehouse receipts to show rate of interest.
- S. B. 158.—Railroads need not file list of trip passes issued to regular employees.
- S. B. 166.—Fixing terms of court in Eleventh District.
- S. B. 167.—Regulating mutual fire insurance companies.
- S. B. 168.—Relinquishing state's claim on two acres in Multnomah County.
- S. B. 169.—Railroads may be laid for construction work on county roads.
- S. B. 171.—For organization of co-operative associations.
- S. B. 172.—For connecting railroads to connect with each other with private switches.
- S. B. 173.—To punish fraudulent representation as to membership in secret societies for purpose of obtaining money.
- S. B. 183.—Relating to larceny by bailie.
- S. B. 187.—Breeding horses to be registered by Oregon Agricultural College.
- S. B. 191.—Prohibiting putting glass and nails in roads.
- S. B. 193.—Providing additional judge for Fifth Judicial District.
- S. B. 194.—For issuance of bonds by drainage districts.
- S. B. 195.—For salary of Sheriff of Coos County.
- S. B. 197.—For relief of Reed Institute.
- S. B. 198.—Clothing railroad detectives with police power.
- S. B. 199.—Regulating drainage districts.
- S. B. 203.—Weekly report on registration of voters to Secretary of State.
- S. B. 205.—Convicts may be worked at farm.
- S. B. 205.—State Fair to have printing to amount of \$1000.
- S. B. 206.—Relating to levy and sale under execution.
- S. B. 210.—For county referendum on county measures.
- S. B. 212.—To divide First Judicial District.
- S. B. 218.—Voters of county may refer a measure to other states to acquire title to lands and water rights in Oregon.
- S. B. 251.—\$30,000 for State Fair improvements.
- S. B. 252.—\$25,000 for State Fair improvements.
- S. B. 253.—\$70,000 for tuberculosis sanitarium.
- S. B. 255.—Animals at large in Gilliam County.
- S. B. 257.—Children may appear in dramatic performances on consent of the juvenile court judge.
- S. B. 4.—For punishment of highway robbery.
- S. B. 11.—Appropriating money for an experiment station at Hermiston.
- S. B. 12.—Regulating pilotage on Columbia River.
- S. B. 18.—Prohibiting some classes of advertising.
- S. B. 19.—Relating to town plats and additions.
- S. B. 23.—Appropriating \$75,000 for a portage road at Celilo.
- S. B. 25.—Appropriating additional \$25,000 for Alaska Yukon Expedition.
- S. B. 24.—Increasing salary of Jackson County judge. (Passed over the Governor's veto.)
- H. B. 25.—Authority of real estate agents must be in writing.
- H. B. 27.—Manner of transferring actions.
- H. B. 28.—For incorporation of ports.
- H. B. 31.—Authorizing Supreme Court to appoint a code commission and appropriate \$25,000.
- H. B. 42.—Fixing salary of Polk County School Superintendent. (Passed over Governor's veto.)
- H. B. 45.—Fixing bond of Umatilla Treasurer.
- H. B. 49.—Fixing salary of Clatsop County School Superintendent. (Passed over Governor's veto.)
- H. B. 51.—Counties may levy tax for advertising resources.
- H. B. 53.—Empowering Willamette County to sell certain real property.
- H. B. 59.—Fixing salary of Morrow County School Superintendent. (Passed over Governor's veto.)
- H. B. 60.—Providing for a free ferry at St. John.
- H. B. 63.—Providing for clerical assistance for county of Columbia County.
- H. B. 62.—Prohibiting swine at large in Columbia County.
- H. B. 69.—Fixing the salary of the Yamhill County School Superintendent. (Passed over the Governor's veto.)
- H. B. 76.—Extending eminent domain to drainage districts.
- H. B. 77.—Providing for raising school funds.
- H. B. 79.—Creating an insurance department.
- H. B. 81.—Regulating hauling of loads on public highways.
- H. B. 82.—To provide for laying out county roads.
- H. B. 86.—Creating the Board of State Tax Assessors.
- H. B. 87.—Dying declaration admissible in civil cases.
- H. B. 91.—Fixing terms of court of the Ninth Judicial District.
- H. B. 97.—Creating Insurance Department.
- H. B. 98.—Requiring doors to swing outward.
- H. B. 100.—Revising rates of inheritance tax.
- H. B. 106.—Appropriating \$210,000 for buildings at O. A. C.
- H. B. 110.—For Deputy Assessors in Crook County.
- H. B. 111.—Fixing salary of Sherman County School Superintendent. (Passed over the Governor's veto.)
- H. B. 114.—Distributions and payment of legacies.
- H. B. 119.—Authorizing a deputy for the State Tax Assessor. (Passed over Governor's veto.)
- H. B. 121.—Payment of claims of Central Normal School.
- H. B. 127.—For an interstate bridge at Ontario.
- H. B. 132.—Permitting County Courts to designate the kind of court to be built.
- H. B. 134.—Providing for filing of its pleadings.
- H. B. 137.—Exemption of earnings of judgment debtors.
- H. B. 138.—Prohibiting animals running at large west of the Sandy.
- H. B. 141.—Appropriating \$7000 for state veterinarians.
- H. B. 145.—Providing closed season for shellfish in Coos and Curry Counties, as follows: Crabs, July, August and September; clams, June, July and August; crawfish, November, December, January and February.
- H. B. 148.—Giving Circuit Courts power of controlling prisoners.
- H. B. 150.—Appropriating \$40,000 for scalp bounty.
- H. B. 152.—Relating to Railroad Commission.
- H. B. 155.—Permitting Railroad Commissioners to ride on locomotives.
- H. B. 156.—Providing an additional judge for Fourth Judicial District. (Emergency.)
- H. B. 156.—Yamhill Fair association.
- H. B. 157.—Providing for private propagation of trout.
- H. B. 172.—Authorizing school superintendent to appropriate money.
- H. B. 175.—Amending the code relating to fishing for salmon in Umpqua River.
- H. B. 185.—Requiring officers of state boards and commissions to attend meetings.
- H. B. 186.—Providing for constitutional convention, subject to referendum.
- H. B. 190.—State tax levy. (Emergency.)
- H. B. 192.—Regulating water power franchises.
- H. B. 193.—Authorizing charitable associations to organize.
- H. B. 195.—Baking powder must be plainly labeled.
- H. B. 199.—Making appropriation to reimburse George H. Small.
- H. B. 198.—Appropriating \$5000 for the Desert Land Board and to accept certain lands by the state.
- H. B. 200.—Manner of taking depositions.
- H. B. 201.—Empowering executor to execute deeds.
- H. B. 203.—Manner of challenging jurors.
- H. B. 206.—Relating to bureau of labor statistics and inspector of work-shops.
- H. B. 207.—Relating to regents of the State University.
- H. B. 214.—Providing an appropriation for the expenses of the State Horticultural Society.
- H. B. 221.—Appropriating \$100,000 for the Crater Lake road.
- H. B. 222.—Appropriating \$1000 for Gresham Fair.
- H. B. 223.—Relating to custody of official records.
- H. B. 224.—Public records to be free.
- H. B. 227.—Providing for a branch asylum in Eastern Oregon.
- H. B. 228.—To regulate breeding of horses.
- H. B. 234.—Restoration of corporations in default.
- H. B. 235.—Regulating fishing in Rogue River.
- H. B. 236.—Fixing salaries in Wheeler County.
- H. B. 237.—Salaries in Wheeler County.
- H. B. 238.—Fixing salary of Lake County Assessor.
- H. B. 239.—Providing that conditional sales of personal property shall be recorded.
- H. B. 244.—Fixing salary of Curry County Assessor.
- H. B. 245.—Feeding of prisoners in Multnomah County.
- H. B. 246.—Elimination of duplication of courses of study in the state's higher educational institutions.
- H. B. 248.—For organization of mining and diking interests.
- H. B. 249.—Land board to purchase lands in forest reserve.
- H. B. 251.—Governing expenditure of funds for the University of Oregon.
- H. B. 254.—Amending dental law.
- H. B. 255.—Viewers to lay out roads on best grades.
- H. B. 256.—Increasing annual appropriation of county school funds from \$50 to \$100 per district.
- H. B. 257.—Reimbursing Martha S. Lane.
- H. B. 265.—Copies of session laws to be printed.
- H. B. 266.—Relating to election precincts.
- H. B. 268.—Fixing fees of State Printer.
- H. B. 277.—Free ferry across Willamette at Independence.
- H. B. 282.—To prevent unjust discrimination by railroads.
- H. B. 287.—Declaring the legal and social status of Mary C. Wells.
- H. B. 288.—Authorizes school boards to govern uses of school moneys.
- H. B. 289.—Fixing salary of Lane County School Superintendent.
- H. B. 290.—County High school fund.
- H. B. 291.—Amending code relating to elections.
- H. B. 297.—Protecting "Yank" fish in Willamette Lake.
- H. B. 300.—Prohibiting false advertising.
- H. B. 305.—Amending irrigation laws.
- H. B. 306.—Appropriating \$1000 for Clackamas County Fair.
- H. B. 310.—Railroads to fence right of way.
- H. B. 311.—For an act relating to the local option law.
- H. B. 312.—Appointing Deputy District Attorney for the Second District.
- H. B. 313.—Requiring railroads to exterminate Russian thistles on right-of-way.
- H. B. 315.—Revises schedule of rate for corporations increasing capital stock.
- H. B. 323.—Imposing licenses on peddlers.
- H. B. 321.—Authorize State Land Board to repay money to Albert C. Ross.
- H. B. 323.—Relating to contracts for shipping.
- H. B. 325.—Deficiency bill, \$90,000.
- H. B. 328.—Appropriations for O. A. C. by U. S. government.
- H. B. 335.—Concerning organization of drainage districts.
- H. B. 334.—Charitable societies, \$42,818.
- H. B. 338.—Securing liens on chattels.

## CABINET COMPLETED

### Taft Selects MacVeagh, of Chicago, for Treasury Portfolio.

### HEPBURN TO BE SECOND CHOICE

### President Elect Delays Announcement—Inaugural Address Finished and Pronounced Good.

New York, Feb. 25.—President Elect Taft completed his cabinet today with the offer of the treasury portfolio and its acceptance. That the offer was made to and accepted by Franklin MacVeagh, of Chicago, is as near a positive statement of what is believed to be the fact as may be made in the face of an absolute refusal of Mr. Taft to throw any light on the situation.

Mr. Taft justified his silence on the ground that he declared some time ago that he would give out no information regarding the makeup of his cabinet until he was ready to announce it in its entirety.

In spite of strong belief that Mr. MacVeagh had accepted the portfolio, it was reported that the name of A. B. Hepburn, of New York, ex-controller of the currency, had figured largely in the conference on the subject. It is assumed that, should anything eliminate Mr. MacVeagh from the list, Mr. Hepburn would be selected.

Mr. Taft's request brought Frank H. Hitchcock from Washington early today, and the two were in lengthy conference twice.

James H. Sheffield, president of the Yale alumni of this city, received Mr. Taft's promise to come here and address the association on March 23.

The inaugural address of Mr. Taft received its final revision today. The document is a declaration of the policies which the new administration will endeavor to carry out.

The address contains, approximately, 5,000 words, and will occupy little short of an hour in its delivery. The address has been submitted not only to the men who have accepted places in the Taft cabinet, and in each case received their hearty approval, but Mr. Taft also has read the paper to Mr. Roosevelt and others of his personal friends and advisers. It is pronounced a strong state paper.

## BARS GAMES OF CHANCE.

### Nevada Lower House Passes Very Stringent Measure.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 25.—The anti-gambling bill passed the assembly today by a vote of 27 to 20. At the conclusion of the vote, and before it had been announced, Dodge of Washoe and Rayeroff of Ormsby changed their votes in order to give notice of reconsideration. This made the final vote 29 to 18. When the bill was called the lobby, hall and chambers were crowded to their capacity.

The bill as passed carried the amendment offered by the majority of the public morals committee, which extends the time when it shall become operative from September, 1909, to January 1 of the coming year.

Section 1 provides that it shall "be unlawful for any person to conduct, play, deal, or carry on in any capacity any game of chance such as faro, roulette, rondo, poker, klondike or any percentage game or banking game carried on with cards, checks, device or otherwise; also slot machines where money is involved."

Violation is punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both.

Section 2 prevents owners of houses from renting for the purposes of gambling, and affixes a fine. Any person who is declared a common gambler and cannot show any fixed residence, or any person who engages in gambling is subject to a fine and imprisonment.

Section 4 gives the sheriff the right forcibly to enter places and arrest persons engaged in gambling, and provides for the destruction of gambling devices when found.

The bill now goes to the senate.

## To Amend Constitution.

Sacramento, Feb. 25.—Assemblyman Grove L. Johnson, of Sacramento, whose anti-Japanese bills aroused the antagonism of President Roosevelt, introduced in the legislature late this afternoon a joint resolution asking congress for a convention to amend the constitution, so as to prohibit polygamy. It requests all other legislatures now in session to join in the movement. The measure was introduced at the request of Mrs. Hester T. Griffith, of Los Angeles, president of the Women's Christian Temperance union.

## Treasure of Guerilla Days.

Danville, Ky., Feb. 27.—Buried treasure comprising \$22,500 in gold and silver coin, \$3,000 worth of diamonds, a revolver and several thousand dollars in Confederate money was found today by H. S. Hensley and Albert Pawley in an old residence of the late Nathan Ross, near Paint Lick. The treasure was hidden during guerilla warfare time, when "One-armed" Sam Berry and his gang terrorized the inhabitants of Central Kentucky.

## Mine Planters Reach Callao.

Callao, Peru, Feb. 25.—The United States mine planters Ringgold and Armistead, which are proceeding from New York to San Francisco, have arrived at Callao.

## REDUCES REBATE FINES.

### Judge Anderson Makes Possible Maximum \$720,000.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—A reduction from Judge Landis' fine of \$29,240,000 to a possible maximum fine of \$720,000 is admitted to be the meaning of a ruling made today by Judge Anderson in the retrial of the Standard Oil company of Indiana for rebating. The ruling was informal, but it almost certainly will stand.

The Court of Appeals in ruling out Judge Landis' great fine eliminated the view that each carload of oil on which a rebate was accepted constituted a separate offense. There were 1,462 of these carloads, the freight charges for which were paid in 36 different settlements.

Judge Anderson interpreted the decision, which, he said, served as his guide, to imply that the rebates accepted after each of the 36 settlements constituted the units of offense.

Judge Anderson's ruling was a severe blow to District Attorney Sims. He and his assistant, James H. Wilkerson, had argued that each of the 500 shipments, making possible a maximum of \$10,000,000, constituted an offense. This view Judge Anderson declared he could not understand. He saw no reason why, if a trainload or a carlot were regarded as a separate offense, the matter might not be further divided, making a hundredweight or a gallon, a unit, greatly increasing the number of offenses and magnifying the punishment.

Mr. Wilkerson argued that the fine possible under the court's ruling would serve merely as a license to a great corporation. On this Judge Anderson said in effect:

"That is a consideration which has no weight with me whatever. I am not concerned with the effectiveness of the statutes, but with their interpretation and application. If the view that I have taken has the effect you stated, that is a matter for the lawmakers to consider. If the laws are inadequate, get them to supply a remedy."

## TROUBLE IS FEARED.

### Unrest Prevails at Trial of Calhoun in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—There is an undercurrent of unrest at the Calhoun trial. Various reports are heard every day to the effect that trouble is momentarily expected. Heney and his bodyguards are on the alert all the time, and no person comes into the courtroom who is not carefully scrutinized.

The examination of Holzberg, which was to have been continued this morning, was postponed until this afternoon, so that his ex-partner, Parry Kallman, who is a witness for the prosecution, could be produced in court.

The prosecution claimed that Kallman would testify that Holzberg said when he heard of the shooting of Heney by Haas that if he had been Haas he would have done the same thing. It has further developed that Holzberg is a stockholder in the United Railroads. This alone is taken as being sufficient ground for his disqualification.

The morning session was slow. During the first hour and a half Judge Lawlor examined a new venire of 60, and retained 35 for examination by counsel.

## SEES WAR AHEAD.

### Russia Expects Austria Will Invade Serbia in Fortnight.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The pessimism with regard to the Balkan crisis is steadily increasing in diplomatic circles, where it is believed that Austria's action against Serbia may be expected within a fortnight unless a solution to the present grave problem is soon arranged.

Foreign office officials state that Russia is not disposed to consider an invasion of Serbia alone as a casus belli, but there is fear that the government's hand may be forced by popular feeling. The beginning of hostilities will throw thousands of Russian volunteers into the Serbian ranks.

## Tried to Get Graft Photo.

Pittsburg, Feb. 26.—At the trial of Councilmen Klein, Wasson and Brand and Banker Ramsey on charges of conspiracy, growing out of the recent graft charges, Detective T. S. Huffling testified that he had seen Detective Wilson pay William Brand, president of the common council, and Councilman Klein each \$500 to influence their support for legislation. Detective Huffling told how he had also seen Councilman Wasson take \$300 from Detective Wilson, and how he had attempted to take a flashlight picture of Wasson in the Fort Pitt Hotel.