

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.

Austria demands the abandonment of Serbian claims.

The Illinois senatorial deadlock remains unbroken.

More than 10,000 aliens arrived in New York one day last week.

Ten persons were injured and several buildings damaged by an explosion of gas at Pittsburgh.

Iron workers in Pennsylvania contemplate a strike because their wages have been reduced.

Naval Constructor Evans, of the Mare Island navy yard, says a fleet is needed on the Pacific coast.

It is said that Hill and Harriman have settled the controversy over the Portland terminals and big improvements are to be made.

An explosion in the plant of the Illinois Steel company at Joliet, Ill., resulted in the death of four men and the fatal injury of six others.

Mrs. Boyles, one of the principals in the Whittla kidnaping, made a desperate attempt to escape by jumping from a train, but was seized in time by officers.

Officers for the graft prosecution in San Francisco raided the offices of the United Railroads and secured valuable papers which had been stolen. A number of arrests have been made.

Charles W. Fairbanks is visiting in Southern California.

The volcano of Izalco, Salvador, is showing increased activity.

All Middle West railroads have decided to restore the 3-cent fare.

The Iowa legislature has voted down an absolute bank guarantee bill.

Twenty-two Russian political prisoners have been condemned to death.

Senator Depew says Roosevelt loved his job as president and regretted having to leave.

The government is testing a rifle equipped with an electric light which enables aim to be taken at night.

Canada proposes to build a dreadnaught or two and turn them over to the mother country should the necessity arise.

In the recall election for mayor of Los Angeles, George Alexander received about 2,000 votes more than his nearest competitor.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, who has been to Washington in the interests of her claim against the government, is hopeful that her visit has not been in vain.

Castro says he will start a revolution on arrival in Venezuela.

Physicians have abandoned hope of saving the life of Madame Modjeska.

Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, wife of the tobacco magnate, committed suicide in Washington.

Coalition in the German reichstag is broken and Chancellor von Buelow's power is again tottering.

The Colorado legislature has modified the direct primary measure by adding the convention plan.

The Whittla kidnapers have been indicted in Ohio, but will be turned over to Pennsylvania for prosecution.

The speaker of the Nevada house accuses the senate of fraud in connection with the report on a defunct bank.

Porto Rican delegates to congress say tariff has ruined the coffee industry and that self government is a farce.

A Russian woman has been arrested who, during the past 30 years, has rid 300 women of troublesome husbands.

Prince George, of Serbia, has renounced his rights to the throne, following newspaper charges of murder.

The Whittla boy has identified his kidnapers and the house where he was kept.

Carnegie proposes an Anglo-American alliance.

New York and New Jersey receive reform measures with apathy.

One of the severest blizzards of the year has just swept Oklahoma.

It is expected that a world's fair will be held in Panama in 1912, the year the canal is expected to be opened.

It is reported that Brewster, Kan., has been struck by a tornado, but wires are down and nothing definite can be learned.

The governor of Nevada has signed a banking bill which is a compromise on the guarantantee plan of Oklahoma.

San Francisco police have arrested five men, believed to be the most desperate gang of safe crackers that ever operated in that city.

Burglars shot a patrolman at Pueblo when about to be caught.

Castro has left Germany for Bordeaux, where he will embark for Venezuela.

BALKAN SITUATION IS ACUTE

Peace Efforts of Powers Fail, and Outbreak is Expected.

Paris, March 26.—It is understood in official circles that the Balkan situation on account of the irreconcilable attitude of Austria-Hungary has now reached its most acute stage and that a few days will decide between peace or war. The efforts of Great Britain, France and Russia to present a formal settlement of the difficulty acceptable to Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, having failed, Austria-Hungary is expected forthwith to deliver an ultimatum at Belgrade.

After this, if Serbia refuses to make complete surrender, officials here think that Austria-Hungary will dispatch an army across the frontier. The Eclair today announces that the absent officers belonging to the French regiment on the Eastern frontier have been recalled. The minister of war says "that certain precautionary measures have been taken on account of the tension of the Balkan situation."

The government this afternoon was officially advised that Russia had agreed to accept without reserve the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary. It is hoped that this will remove Baron Aehrenthal's objection to the Serbian note formulated by Great Britain, France and Russia.

CASTRO LACKS CASH.

Deposed Dictator of Venezuela Shorn of All His Splendor.

Paris, March 26.—In striking contrast with his first visit to Paris, ex-President Castro, of Venezuela, arrived here last night, bereft of his suite of 20 followers, with crestfallen manner and almost entirely unnoticed by his fellow passengers from Cologne, who regarded him with pity rather than any other sentiment. With a few intimates the ex-dictator dined at his hotel and then retired to an ordinary bedroom entirely lacking in the luxury of his former quarters in the same establishment.

The truth seems to be that he is in reduced circumstances, at least for the moment, as his monthly income of \$60,000, according to information given by a member of the household, is temporarily tied up.

General Castro, with great irritation, particularly after he had been informed that the French Trans-Atlantic company would not land him at La Guayra on account of a protest of the Venezuelan government, shut the door in the face of reporters. His wife, however, said he would make up his mind where to land after he got aboard ship at Bordeaux.

TEST SPOKANE DECISION.

Railroads Can Get No Encouragement From Prouty's Explanation.

Chicago, March 26.—On behalf of the Western railroads involved in the Spokane rate case, J. C. Stubbs today tried to get some light on the decision of the commission. At his request, Commissioner Prouty met him and the various points in the decision were gone over and discussed.

It is understood that the commissioner informed the railroad man that the decision meant about what it said and that the order was drawn in a way which, in the opinion of the commissioner, would make it most difficult to attack successfully. No secret is made of the fact that the railroads have decided to test the order in the courts, because they feel that the struggle between the commission and the railroads with regard to rate principles must be fought out to a finish.

Harriman Faces.

New York, March 26.—A suit for \$800,000 has been begun against E. H. Harriman by John Donovan, who says this sum is due him as commission on the sale in 1901 of the St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat & Power company, of St. Joseph, Mo. Donovan declares Mr. Harriman agreed to give him 25 per cent of any sum received for the property over and above \$1,100,000. He says that Mr. Harriman sold his interest for \$4,400,000 less \$100,000 commission to brokers. Mr. Harriman has filed an answer in which he denies making any contract with Donovan.

Praise Given Shackleton.

London, March 26.—Lieutenant Shackleton's discoveries have brought a chorus of praise and admiration. Louis Charles Bernachi, who was physician to the Discovery Antarctic expedition in 1901-1904, said in an interesting talk today that the sledge journey of 126 days under such conditions as were described is one of the most magnificent feats in the annals of polar exploration. A man working in the Arctic requires 56 ounces of food daily, but the Shackleton party cut themselves down to 20 ounces.

Two Dead in Freight Wreck.

Ogden, March 26.—Engineer Layng and Brakenman Pearson dead, Fireman Rasmussen seriously injured, an engine buried to the smokestack in sand, and five freight cars piled up indiscriminately, is the brief but disastrous record made at 5 o'clock this morning by Oregon Short Line freight No. 245, in charge of Conductor Schnoke and Engineer Layng, running between Granger and Green River, Wyo., on the lately double-tracked piece of track.

Investigate Land Frauds.

Washington, March 26.—Additional special agents to investigate alleged land frauds in the West were appointed today by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

DUNIWAY HURRIES WORK.

State Printer Expects to Have Session Laws Ready Next Month.

Salem—State Printer Duniway states that he expects to have the laws of the 1909 session printed and ready for distribution about 70 days after the adjournment of the regular session of the legislature. The volume will include the laws of the special session also.

If the work is completed in 70 days, it will be much quicker than it has ever been done before, although the nearest approach to the time was made by Mr. Duniway two years ago. The state printer has already printed and delivered a large number of special copies of the water code and the insurance code, as per resolutions passed by the legislature. The tax commission law and the military code are also well under way. All these measures bear the emergency clause.

The state printing office has been equipped with thousands of dollars' worth of new material, including a latest model linotype, and the printing of the laws and other work is being greatly facilitated as a result.

WHEAT LAND RENT HIGH.

\$10 an Acre for Summer Fallow Crop Obtained at Athena, Oregon.

Pendleton—Word has been received that Mrs. Isabella Taylor has rented her wheat farm near the town of Athena in the northeastern part of the county for a cash rental of \$10 per acre per summer fallow crop. The lease on these terms is to cover a term of six years. This is one of the best wheat raising sections of the county and even of the Northwest, and while this price seems to presume a great deal in favor of the continued productivity of the land, the records of the past years prove that it is a good investment even at this seemingly over boosted price. The investors of this section seem to have faith in the recent prediction of James J. Hill that we are not increasing our production of wheat as fast as the population is growing and that prices must continue to advance. It is from near this section that there was a reported advance sale of wheat at a dollar a bushel, which is a record price for the Northwest.

Never Knew Cattle to Be So High.

Weston—J. F. Thompson, who has followed the stock business for 25 years in this locality, and is ranging about 300 head of cattle on the breaks of the Umattila river, says he has never known beef cattle to reach such a high figure as at present in the local markets. He finds it difficult to evade buyers who are offering 4 cents for cows and 5 cents for steers. Mr. Thompson has a carload of beeves engaged for shipment April 1, but beyond this has made no contracts. He is in the market for stock cattle, but finds little or no stock offering. He looks for continued good prices in view of the big packing house enterprises now under way at Portland.

Peddlers' Law Invalid.

Salem—In reversing the case of the State of Oregon vs. D. Y. Wright and H. M. Ogan, the Supreme court holds that chapter 206, laws of 1906, is void because arbitrary and class legislation. The law provides that hawkers and vendors of stoves, ranges, wagons, carts "or any kind of four-wheeled or two-wheeled vehicles, shall first obtain a license." The defendants, Wright and Ogan, were arrested and convicted in the lower court.

Wants Guns From the Oregon.

Salem—The Salem board of trade will make an effort to secure for the capitol grounds two of the six-inch guns from the dismantled battleship Oregon. The guns are about 30 feet long and properly mounted would be an imposing addition to the beautiful lawn in front of the state house. It is thought the guns may be obtained from the War department for the state for the cost of transportation.

Irrigation Company Makes Progress.

Grants Pass—The Josephine County Power & Irrigation company is making splendid progress in the construction of the irrigation canals for Grants Pass and vicinity. The work is being rushed that a large portion of the arid territory to be benefited will have water this year. Three crews are at work, besides a number of teams with graders and scrapers.

Clean Up Weston Brickyard.

Weston—Work has been begun on the cleaning up of the Weston brickyard preparatory to the spring burning, which will begin in April, according to Manager P. T. Harber. Orders, it is said, are being received from several points, and a run of 30 months is anticipated. A crew of 30 men will be put to work.

Curricula Board Reappointed.

Salem—Governor Benson has reappointed the board of higher curricula. The only change was the substitution of A. G. Beas, of Tillamook, for A. W. Prescott, of Salem, who has accepted the position as private secretary to United States Senator Bourne.

Crater Lake Road Surs.

Jacksonville—The County court of Jackson county has entered and ordered the appropriation of \$50,000 toward construction of the Crater lake road. This will supplement the appropriation of \$100,000 made by the recent legislature.

NEW PLAN ADOPTED.

La Grande to Expend \$100,000 on Irrigation System.

La Grande—Co-operative promotion of a \$400,000 irrigation project to irrigate 20,000 acres of land in this valley has been abandoned and in its stead a \$100,000 corporation formed.

This decision was reached by 100 land owners in a meeting which assembled at noon, and by 4 o'clock \$32,000 had been taken in stock. A large proportion of the subscriptions came from small land holders. Scores of men and firms have expressed a willingness to take stock. When \$50,000 is subscribed the incorporation will take place, officers elected and a head secured which can direct the placing of engineers in the field, secure complete dam site and rights of way.

Sufficient stock to permit incorporation will be secured, it is believed, next week, and then the proposition will assume tangible shape. According to plans construction of the huge dam in Meadow Brook, 18 miles distant will be under way next fall. The dam site will be bonded to build the dam. The price of water will be \$2 an acre, with a yearly maintenance fee of \$1 to stockholder and non-stockholder alike.

Will Can Asparagus.

Eugene—George A. Dorris, who has raised asparagus for the markets of Portland, Seattle and Eugene for the past three years and now has 25 acres of it on his farm near Eugene, has begun the erection of a cannery on his place for the purpose of canning the vegetable. He will also handle the product of a 50-acre patch now being set out by F. E. Dunn and A. C. Woodcock on a tract of land which they recently purchased for that purpose. Mr. Dorris has experimented with asparagus raising for a number of years and has made a success of it.

Cars Can't Stop Everywhere.

Salem—In an answer filed in reply to an action brought by the Tilman Ford estate to compel specific performance of contract, the Oregon Electric railway alleges that if it is compelled to stop its cars at every farmhouse it will put the road absolutely out of business. It seems that in order to secure a right of way the railroad contracted to stop its cars at a large number of points. It is alleged it has ignored these contracts.

Busy Year for Grant.

Prairie City—"Business conditions in Grant county are better than I have ever seen them," states R. T. McHaley, one of the prominent stockmen of the county. "The stock industry is flourishing, the best of prices prevailing for cattle, sheep and horses. Stock has wintered well and the range promises early grass in more abundance than usual."

Realty Men Get Together.

Roseburg—A meeting of representatives of all the real estate firms in the city was held at the Commercial club rooms and an organization perfected to be known as the Roseburg Realty board.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.20@1.25; club, \$1.08@1.10; red Russian, \$1.06@1.08; bluestem, shipping, \$1.15@1.17; valley, \$1.10.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$40 per ton.
Barley—Feed, \$31 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$13@15 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$16@18; clover, \$12@13; alfalfa, \$14.50@15; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$13.50@14.50; vetch, \$13.50@14.50.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 34c; fancy outside creamery, 32@34c; California, 32@33½c; store, 18@20c. Butter fat prices average 1½ cents under regular butter prices.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 20@21c.
Poultry—Hens, 15½@15¾c; broilers, 24@25c; fryers, 18@20c; roosters, old, 10@11c; young, 14@15c; ducks, 20@22½c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 18@19c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.
Veal—Extras, 10@11c; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 6c.
Pork—Fancy, 9½@10c; large, 8@8½c.
Apples—65c@\$.25 per box.
Potatoes—\$1.40@1.50 per hundred; sweets, 2¼@2½c pound.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1 sack; carrots, 90c sack; parsnips, \$1.50 sack; beets, \$1.75 sack; horseradish, 10c per pound; artichokes, 75@90c per dozen; asparagus, 9@15c per pound; beans, 25c; cabbage, 3¼@3½c per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50; celery, \$4.75 per crate; lettuce, head, 85c per dozen; onions, 40@50c per dozen; parsnip, 35c per dozen; radishes, 35c per dozen; rhubarb, \$2.25 per box; spinach, \$1@1.25.
Onions—Oregon, \$1.75 per hundred.
Hops—1909 contracts, 10@10½c per pound; 1908 crop, 7@7½c; 1907 crop, 3@4c; 1906 crop, 1½@2c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon contracts, 16@18c per pound; valley, 16@17c; mohair, choice 23c per pound.
Cattle—Top steers, \$5.25@5.50; fair to good, \$4.75@5; common to medium, \$3.25@4.50; cows, top, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@4; common to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls and stags, fat, \$3@3.50; common, 2@2.75.
Hogs—Best, \$7.25; fair to good, \$6.75@7; stockers, \$5.50@6.50; China fats, \$6.75.
Sheep—Top wethers, \$5.75@6; fair to good, \$4.75@5.25; ewes, ½c less on all grades; lambs top \$6.50@6.75; fair to good, \$6@6.50.

NEAR SOUTH POLE.

British Expedition Reaches Point 111 Miles From Object.

London, March 24.—Lieutenant E. H. Shackleton, of the British navy, a commander of the Antarctic expedition which returned on the barkentine Nimrod to Invercargill, N. Z., today, succeeded in getting within 111 miles of the south pole.

Lieutenant Shackleton left his permanent quarters last autumn for a dash to the south pole and has succeeded after an arduous sledge journey of 1,708 miles, which occupied 126 days, in reaching 354 miles nearer the pole than the point attained by the Discovery expedition, of which he was an officer.

As the expedition to the south was undertaken rather for the purpose of geographical survey than with the idea of reaching the pole itself, it may be said to have succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations.

Shackleton made some departures from the usual preparations for a journey across the snow and ice. He took with him a motor car, which could be converted into a sledge and substituted ponies for dogs and light woolen clothing for heavy clothes.

Summarized, the results of the expedition are that a point was reached within 111 miles of the south pole; that the magnetic pole also was reached; eight mountain chains were discovered, and 100 mountains.

Mount Erebus, 13,120 feet high, was ascended by the party; a new coast and high mountains were located running west from Victoria land, and coal fields were discovered in the Antarctic continent.

The theory of the existence of an area of atmospheric calm around the south pole was disproved.

VENGEANCE FEARED.

Woman Suspect Utters Threat Upon Arrest for Kidnaping.

Cleveland, March 24.—"I am the one who planned the whole thing; there will be trouble for me and hell in Sharon tomorrow."

These words, spoken to Captain of Police Shattuck yesterday by a woman he had arrested in company with a man on suspicion of being implicated in the kidnaping of Willie Whittla, of Sharon, O., have stirred the police to new efforts to run down the band who stole the lad away from his school. While the police were at first inclined to think that their prisoners, who carried the sum of \$9,989 with them, were the entire kidnaping gang, the woman's words are regarded as a threat and the police now think that possibly one or two other members of the gang are still at large and that revenge for the capture of the ringleaders will be taken on the boy.

Extra precautions to guard the Whittla lad at his home will be taken to make the carrying out of any such threat an impossibility and anyone found lurking around the premises will be instantly arrested.

OFF TO AFRICA.

Roosevelt Party Leaves New York for Wilds of Jungle.

New York, March 24.—Waving a parting farewell with his black slouch hat as he stood on the captain's bridge of the steamship Hamburg, ex-President Theodore Roosevelt sailed away yesterday for his long planned African hunt. He left amid cheers of thousands of persons that swarmed the Hamburg-American line pier, amid the whistles of countless river craft and thunderous reverberations of the ex-president's salute of 13 guns from Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth.

Beside Mr. Roosevelt stood a young lad, seemingly dejected, as he wistfully gazed at the cheering multitude on the pier below. It was Kermit Roosevelt, son of Mr. Roosevelt, who accompanied his father as official photographer of the expedition. Father and son, both clad in brilliant buff hued army coats, remained on the bridge on the trip down the bay and acknowledged with sweeps of their hats the salutes of the vessels. The demonstration was unofficial, but many high in the affairs of the nation were present.

Criminal Career Alleged.

Reno, Nev., March 24.—Charging that under the guise of conducting a hotel in Reno, George and Frederick Elkins, wealthy hotelmen, have been for months acting as the intermediaries for thieves and robbers, the police arrested George Elkins tonight on a ranch near town, which it has been found has been the hiding place for a vast quantity of merchandise, said to have been stolen from box cars and warehouses in this city. The arrest followed an investigation resulting from the accidental discovery of the merchandise.

Boy Sought Oil Honors.

New York, March 24.—In his quest for occasions for distinguishing himself and thereby obtaining promotion which in time would lead to his being made a director of the Standard Oil company, William Reddy, 18 years old, employed in the filling department of the company, tonight confessed that on several occasions he had set fire to the plant of the Standard in Brooklyn. His object was to impress his superiors by his alertness in discovering the blaze.

Asks for Exclusion Law.

Sacramento, March 24.—The assembly adopted today the substitute resolution offered by the senate committee on Federal relations, asking congress to enact a general Asiatic exclusion law, including Japanese.

DEATH WINS FIGHT

Governor Cosgrove Passes Away at Paso Robles.

END COMES VERY UNEXPECTEDLY

Heart Failure Was Immediate Cause of Death—Body to Be Brought North for Burial.

Paso Robles, Cal., March 19.—Samuel G. Cosgrove, governor of the state of Washington, died here suddenly at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Heart failure was the immediate cause of the governor's death. Although his condition had recently been reported as improving, the governor had really been growing worse, and two days ago he took to his room. Although conscious of his weakened condition, death was sudden and there was no opportunity for a last farewell between husband and wife.

Bright's disease had marked Governor Cosgrove for a victim over eight months ago. He broke down in health during the Washington primary campaign, retiring to his home at Pomeroy, Wash., in September, and was brought to Paso Robles hot springs shortly after the election in November. Although Governor Cosgrove improved slightly under the treatment here, the strain of the trip to Olympia to take the inaugural oath was too great and an immediate reaction set in.

Mrs. Cosgrove, worn out from her months of constant attendance upon her feeble husband, was overcome by her grief, but late in the afternoon had recovered her poise sufficiently to make the preliminary arrangements for starting home with the body. It has been decided that Mrs. Cosgrove, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, of Seattle, friends of the Cosgroves, will leave Paso Robles this morning at 5:10 on the north bound train for San Francisco. If that train is on time the funeral party will be able to connect with the Portland express leaving Oakland this afternoon.

This will bring them into Portland late Tuesday night and a hurried trip will be made to Olympia, the capital of Washington. It is the desire of Mrs. Cosgrove to have services held at the capitol and later the remains will be removed to the family home at Pomeroy.

FAIR BRINGS THOUSANDS

People From East Coming to Northwest Seeking Opportunities.

Right now the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is the magnet that is attracting thousands of people from Eastern, Southern and Middle Western states to the Pacific coast partly for the reason that the exposition will open up a new line of thought with its great displays from Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines as well as the Orient, and partly because of the much advertised scenic beauties of the states bordering on the Pacific.

The state of Washington and more particularly the Puget sound country will soon be the mecca for trainloads of strangers. But Washington will not hold the visitors for an indefinite period for they have something in mind further than a visit to the exposition at Seattle.

There are opportunities on the Pacific coast for the homeseeker as well as the merchant and manufacturer and the visitors to the fair intend to see just what Oregon, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Oklahoma, as well as British Columbia have to offer in the way of inducements to settlers. Of course the tourists will be here in large numbers and their itinerary nearly always includes all the mountain, lake and seaside resorts of the Northwest.

The exposition itself is going to open the eyes of the thousands of visitors who will come Seattle expecting to find an exhibition very similar to what has been offered before. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is not going to be remembered after its gates close because of its great size or by the number of its buildings, but because of the beautiful picture formed by the work of the builder and landscape artist, framed in by lakes, mountains and woodland scenery distributed lavishly on every hand by nature. When the exposition opens on June 1 the show will be complete in every detail, an example of Western spirit and enterprise.

Indictments for Smuggling.

El Paso, March 29.—Under indictments returned by the Federal grand jury at Chicago, charging conspiracy to smuggle aliens into the United States, seven arrests were made today by deputy marshals at widely separated points. Four men were jailed here, one at Alamo Gordo, N. M., and two at Chicago. It is alleged the men arrested are members of an organized gang, operating from the border to Chicago for smuggling Chinese.

Chinese Come Among Beans.

Ahliene, Tex., March 29.—Attracted by the sound of voices in a boxcar which supposedly contained only a shipment of beans en route from Los Angeles to Chicago, Immigration Agent Dinworth, at Big Springs, had the car opened and took into custody 16 Chinese who are held on a charge of having evaded the immigration laws.