

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.

Lead miners in Missouri are on strike.

Roosevelt has killed three lions and Kermit one.

The Japanese squadron was given a great reception at San Francisco.

Congress has now seven Smiths, three in the senate and four in the house.

An immense stream of colonists is coming to the coast from all parts of the East.

Anarchists attacked police at Buenos Ayres and 100 men were killed and wounded in the riot.

A lake steamer is missing and the crew and 42 persons are believed to have been drowned.

A railroad which is being built in Honduras will be equipped entirely with wireless telegraphy.

A woman delayed the American liner St. Louis eight minutes at New York while she hunted for a \$1.50 baby carriage.

A Japanese at Los Angeles has sued a paper for \$10,000 damages because among other things it called him a "dare-devil."

War is being waged for control of Zion City by the old city officers and those just elected. This is the city founded by Dowie.

Serious floods are feared along the Ohio river following the storm.

Over 3,000 men employed on Great Lake steamers have gone on strike.

Snow and frost in the Middle West have destroyed fruit and other crops.

Four inches of snow covers Wisconsin and a fierce gale is causing much inconvenience.

It is said a copper trust is planned in New York to control the entire output of the country.

Much money and food is being sent to the massacre zone of Asiatic Turkey, but more is needed.

Searching parties are digging in the grounds of the palace of the former sultan in a search for his wealth.

Abdul Hamid will probably be transferred to Monastir, as it is not believed his life is safe at Salonica.

Canada will control the cutting of timber on the Pacific coast to 12,000,000 feet per year for the next 60 years.

The Oregon railroad commission has ordered reductions in express charges along the entire line of the O. R. & N. The reduction is approximately 25 per cent.

Rapid progress is being made in the Calhoun trial.

Turkish troops have relieved Hadjin and stopped the massacres.

The British budget proposes radical new taxes to wipe out the deficit.

The paying letter of an Oakland bank has been arrested for embezzling.

Ex-Chief of Police Fink, of Lowell, N. M., has been indicted for smuggling in China.

Captain Robinson, of the wrecked steamer Indiana, has taken his own life, being unable to bear the disgrace.

Strong evidence of discrimination by Harriman lines against Salt Lake has been brought out in the merger suit.

A tornado in Indiana tore away 600 feet of the west wall of the state penitentiary. No one was hurt and militia has been ordered out to guard the convicts.

An heiress has been born to the Holland throne and there is great rejoicing, as Queen Wilhelmina was the last of the reigning house and had she died without heirs the crown would have probably passed to a German prince and become a part of the German empire.

Ex-Vice President Fairbanks has purchased a house in Pasadena and will make that city his home after a tour of the world.

The British budget for the coming year shows a deficit in revenue of \$78,810,000.

Anthracite miners and operators will reach a satisfactory agreement, it is believed.

The rolling mills of the Union Pacific railroad at Laramie, Wyo., have resumed operations after being idle for a year.

Heinrich Conreid, the operatic manager, is dead.

A Kenton, Ohio, girl has just awakened after a sleep of 100 hours apparently none the worse for her long nap.

Plans have been prepared for a hotel at New York which will be 31 stories high. The roof will be 376 feet above the ground.

Continued earthquakes at Kameron, German West Africa, have forced the colonial government officials to move their offices.

WORK OF NATURE.

Scenic Beauty of A.-Y.-P. Grounds Not Work of Man.

The amphitheater of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition has been accomplished partly by human efforts, but for the most part the work has been done by nature. On the high precipitous shores of Lake Washington, looking across a succession of bays, and snow topped peaks of the Cascades are brought clearly into view and this forms the back ground of the amphitheater stage. Three sides rise from the floor and these have a stately upward slope; only in the development of these natural seating places has it been necessary for work to be expended.

About the tiered sides of the amphitheater chairs rise one above the other and in the vast forest theater 30,000 people can have comfortable and slightly positions. Surrounded by the Douglas fir and massive cedar, the place seems to have been created by giants of old for spectacular events; it is so fashioned and designed that open air acoustics produce results which could be generally looked for only within the walls of structures built with this property always in mind.

It was in this spot that the first shovel of earth was removed in the building of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. Without any work of preparation, 25,000 people were easily accommodated within its borders. During the course of the exposition the amphitheater will be the scene of many interesting events and with its arrangement as now perfected will afford the grandest out of doors theater in existence.

WAR VERY COSTLY.

Next Session of Peace Conference Will Hear Interesting Reports.

Chicago, May 3.—Amazing statistics will be presented to the National Peace society, which convenes here today, by Benjamin F. Trueblood, secretary of the American Peace society. In a report compiled for distribution among the delegates it is asserted that 15,000,000 persons have sacrificed themselves in wars since the beginning of authentic history.

"This vast number of victims," says Mr. Trueblood, "is about equal to all the people who inhabited the globe for the last 600 years, allowing three generations to the century and 650,000,000 estimated population of the world at the opening of the Nineteenth century as the average population per generation."

"The usual estimate of the number of men lost in the wars in the Nineteenth century, including those who died of wounds and diseases, places it at 14,000,000. Of this number the Napoleonic campaigns are responsible for about six million."

"Losses in the American Civil war have been variously estimated at from 800,000 to 1,000,000 men. The brief war between Prussia, Austria and Italy in 1866 entailed a loss of 45,000 men."

STORM REACHES ATLANTIC.

Seaboard Cities Suffer Severely as Hurricane Passes Out to Sea.

Atlanta, Ga., May 3.—The storm which for three days has swept eastward across the Southern states, passed over the Atlantic ocean Saturday. At least 200 were killed and perhaps 400 injured. News of 34 more deaths in Georgia were received today.

At Savannah the storm tore through the old town, unroofed many houses and destroyed much property.

Towns in North Carolina and Florida suffered devastation. The casualty list will be incomplete for several days. Property worth probably several million dollars was destroyed.

The southwestern section of Savannah was struck at 11:30 o'clock Saturday by a severe storm which uprooted trees, unroofed houses, tore down fences and injured several people.

The McKane hospital for negroes was badly damaged. A factory was unroofed and one man badly injured. The storm lasted not more than half a minute.

Borne to His Tomb.

Pekin, May 3.—The body of the late Kwang Hsu, emperor of China, Saturday began the long journey to the Western tombs, 80 miles away, for final interment. The dowager empress will not be interred until the fall. The procession started from the precincts of the Forbidden City at 11 o'clock. The march to the tombs will take four days and the entire route is to be over the great highway especially constructed for the passage of the imperial coffin. The tomb cost considerably over \$1,000,000.

Icicles on Orchard Trees.

Kansas City, May 3.—Freezing weather, with the temperature in Western Kansas going as low as 20 degrees above zero, still prevailed in the Southwest Saturday, according to the local observer. It covered most of Missouri, all of Kansas, the greater portion of Oklahoma and extended into the Texas panhandle. On many Kansas fruit farms ice three-quarters of an inch thick formed and there is not much prospect of a fruit crop this year.

1,000 Chinese En Route.

Victoria, B. C., May 3.—There are over 1,000 Chinese on the way to Victoria. The Empress of Japan is due tomorrow with 575, and the steamer Ning Chow, of the Blue Funnel line, is bringing over 500 according to advices from Hongkong. The Canadian Pacific is bringing 300 tons of raw silk from Japan, valued at \$750,000.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FRUIT CROP NOT HURT.

Indications Point to Heavy Yield in Vicinity of Milton.

Milton—Fears that the fruit crop in the Walla Walla valley had been injured by the frosts several days ago have been generally dispelled by the careful investigation of the orchards and vineyards in this vicinity. In some places near the state line strawberries and prunes were injured some, but the damage is not considered to be of great volume. Apple orchards, which were in full bloom at the time of the frosts, were injured in no way.

Indications now point to a heavy fruit crop in the vicinity during the coming season. Although the peach crop will amount to but a small percentage of its usual volume, other fruits will be harvested in bountiful quantities. The careful pruning, spraying and cultivating of vineyards and orchards have had much to do with the excellent crops which are now assured in the year 1909.

Shippers and warehouse men are making preparations to handle large quantities of all kinds of fruit. The first strawberries are expected to be on the market within two or three weeks and from then until the apple crop is harvested, Milton and vicinity will present a scene of lively activity in the fruit business.

FRUIT MEN ARE ANGERED.

Accuse Inspector Taylor of Circulating False Reports.

Central Point—Fruit men of this section are indignant over reports alleged to have been circulated by County Fruit Inspector Taylor to the effect that the crops in many of the orchards in his jurisdiction are totally ruined. These gentlemen declare emphatically that the story is without foundation, and that it had the effect of damaging their properties, in the most promising section of the Rogue river valley.

Steps will be immediately taken for a full and complete investigation leading to the discovery of the identity of the author of these false reports, and if circumstances warrant it, it is said Mr. Taylor's removal from office will be demanded by the orchardists.

Fruit men report but few trees affected by recent frosts, and in almost all cases the frost has but tended to lessen the cost of thinning the fruit.

F. H. Hopkins, owner of one of the largest orchards on Rogue river, and whose orchard has not been protected by smudging or otherwise, reports no appreciable damage, as do Edward Hanely, William Stewart, J. W. Merritt, W. H. Norcross and other orchardists.

Freewriter Values Soar.

Freewater—Land values in this district are constantly increasing in value. Two sales have been made this week, one consisting of 23 acres, a part of the Ragdale tract, for \$725 an acre, the other being a part of the Brown ranch, at Babcock crossing, for \$700 an acre. The Pleasant valley country, which a year ago was sagebrush land, has been put under cultivation, the raw lands having been sold for \$125 an acre. Now this same land is selling for \$300 an acre. The school, which was built three years ago, has had to be enlarged, and the contract for the addition was let this week for a \$1,000 addition.

Rate Hearing is Called.

Salem—The state railroad commission, after an investigation on its own motion of certain rates in force on the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific, has ordered a hearing on May 13, at 11 A. M., at Salem. In its order just issued, the commission states that it has investigated the rates on wool, wool combings, wool waste and has found sufficient evidence to warrant an inquiry as to whether these rates are unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory.

Settle Siletz Contests.

Washington—Representative Hawley has made a strong personal appeal to Secretary Ballinger and Land Commissioner Dennett to take up and finally adjudicate the long pending suspended Siletz homestead entries. The secretary and commissioner assured Mr. Hawley that they would give orders that these cases be expedited and that, in deciding them, they will take into account the conditions as he explained.

Dalles Farmers Organize.

The Dalles—At a meeting here an organization of the fruit and vegetable growers was perfected under the name of The Dalles Fruitgrowers association. The association has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$5,000. It is intention of the fruitgrowers to build a warehouse and cannery. Meetings will be held the first Saturday in each month.

Ground Acquired for Asylum.

Salem—The asylum board has purchased from the Willamette Endowment association five acres of land north of the asylum for \$3,000. One of the new buildings for which an appropriation was made by the last legislature will be located partly on the land just acquired.

Fine Cattle Sold at Echo.

Echo—A Portland meat company has bought 70 head of cattle from Bennett & Spike at \$5.50, the highest price ever paid in the Echo country. The average weight is 1,520 pounds. The heaviest steer weighed 1,730 pounds, and brought the owners \$93.20.

WILL HOLD BERRY FESTIVAL.

Roseburg Plans Two Days' Program for May 14 and 15.

Roseburg—The date of the proposed strawberry festival to be held in Roseburg has been set by the Commercial club for Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. The two days will be given over to displays of strawberries. A program for both days has been prepared. On the evening of the first day the women will give a musical.

The occasion will also be taken advantage of by the importers and raisers of blooded livestock, and a large parade of animals is expected.

The Ashland lodge of Elks, accompanied by members of that order from different towns in Southern Oregon, will visit Roseburg on Saturday, the second day of the festival. The visitors will number about 250.

Douglas county strawberries are the first in the market each year and this fact will be widely advertised at the festival. It is proposed to secure photographs of the best displays and the parades and use them in booster booklets.

New Flouring Mill at Baker.

Baker City—Contractors are busy removing dirt for the foundation to the new flouring mill to be erected by G. R. Stout. Surveyors for the O. R. & N. have located switches and sidetracks for the mill. The foundation will probably be finished within two weeks, and there will be no delay in erecting the mill building. Sterns & Ayers have the contract for excavating. During the past few days Mr. Stout has been looking over the country to see how much wheat has been planted. He is pleased with the acreage sown, and also the attitude that ranchers are assuming toward the new mill.

Coos to Seek Publicity.

Marshfield—The Coos county chamber of commerce has decided to enter upon a publicity work which will include advertising of the entire county, the Coquille valley as well as the immediate Coos bay country. Plans are being made for making an exhibit of the products of the county at the Seattle exposition, and 75,000 pamphlets will be printed to distribute at the fair. Figures are being compiled to show the shipments of lumber and freight exports and imports of both Coos bay and the Coquille river, and all of the resources and advantages of the county will be set forth.

Lust for Gold Hits Coos.

Marshfield—The lust for gold has struck Myrtle Point and the country about. It is believed the mother lode, which has long been an object of search, has at last been discovered. A rancher named Music brought specimens to town and sold them, the first lot for \$2.50, and the second for about \$100. They looked as though pounded out in a mortar from the quartz. Many ranchers have caught the fever and are prospecting.

Insurance Examiner at Salem.

Salem—Paul L. Wilson, of Denver, expert insurance examiner, has arrived in Salem to conduct a special examination of the annual statements of the insurance companies doing business in this state, preliminary to the publication by Insurance Commissioner Koser of the annual insurance report.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.27 1/2 @ 1.30; club, \$1.20; valley, \$1.17; forty-fold, \$1.26; red Russian, \$1.17 1/2 @ 1.20.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$40@42. Barley—Feed, \$34@35 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$17@19; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$14@15.50; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14 @14.50; vetch, \$13.50@14.

Apples—55c@52.50 per box. Potatoes—\$1.60@1.75 per hundred.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; artichokes, 65c@85c dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 12 1/2 @ 15c per pound; lettuce, head, 40c@50c per dozen; onions, 12 1/2 @ 15c per dozen; parsley, 35c per dozen; radishes, 20c@25c per dozen; rhubarb, 30c@4c per pound; spinach, 90c@1.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 27c; fancy outside creamery, 24 1/2 @ 27c; store, 18@20c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2 cents per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24@25c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 16@16 1/2 c; broilers, 25c; fryers, 18@22 1/2 c; roosters, old, 10@11c; young, 14@15c; ducks, 20@22c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

Veal—Extras, 9 1/2 @ 10c; ordinary, 8 1/2 @ 9; heavy, 7@8c.

Pork—Fancy, 9 1/2 @ 10c; large, 8@9c. Hops—1909 contract, 9c; 1908 crop, 6@7c; 1907 crop, 3c; 1906 crop, 1 1/2 c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13 @ 20c; valley, fine, 20c; medium, 19c; coarse, 18c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Cattle—Top steers, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good, \$5@5.25; common to medium, \$4.50@4.75; cows, top, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; 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, \$7.35@7.60; fair to good, \$6.85@7.10; stockers, \$5.50@6.50; China fats, \$6.75.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$5@5.75; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; shorn, 75c@1.15 less; ewes, 1/2c less on all grades; yearlings, top, \$6.50@7; fair to good, \$6@6.25; spring lambs, \$7@7.50.

RECHAD IS SULTAN.

Turkish People Rejoice Over Downfall of Abdul.

Constantinople, April 28.—The reign of Abdul Hamid II ended by his deposition and the accession of his brother, Mehmed Rehad Effendi, as Mehmed V. The name is a variation of Mahomet, it being considered inappropriate to assume the precise name of the prophet.

Mehmed V is the thirty-fifth sovereign of Turkey, in male descent of the house of Osman, the founder of the empire, and the twenty-ninth sultan since the conquest of Constantinople.

The firing of 101 guns announced to the waiting people that a new sultan had been proclaimed.

The ceremonies connected with the transfer of power were simple. The newly chosen ruler came from his palace in Galata through streets lined with troops and cheering thousands and took the oath at the war office. He then proceeded to the parliament and later went to the Dolma Bagtische palace as head of the empire, where for so many years he had been practically a prisoner.

Martial law was relaxed and the people gave themselves over to the celebration of the victory of the Young Turk party and the end of Abdul Hamid's reign. Many buildings were illuminated and thousands of rounds were joyfully fired by the soldiers. General good humor prevailed everywhere.

LIKE ONE RAILROAD.

Shippers Tell How Harriman Lines Are Being Run.

Salt Lake, April 28.—The introduction of testimony in the suit of the United States government to dissolve the combination of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and competing lines, on the ground that it was formed for the purpose of crushing out competition was begun in this city today before Special Examiner Williams. The government was represented by C. A. Severance, of St. Paul; Glen E. Husted, of Washington; Charles A. Page, of New York, and N. H. Lomnis, for Harriman.

E. E. McCarthy, traffic manager of a local hardware company, and a former railroad man, testified that prior to the railway merger in 1901 competition for general merchandise and wool business was keen between the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific agents, but since the combination was effected no special effort had been made, so far as he was aware, to secure routing of business over either one of these lines, as the business is handled, according to his understanding, over the line most convenient.

David Eccles, an Ogden business man, told of his experience in making lumber shipments from Hooi River, Or. Formerly he shipped via the Oregon Short Line to Wells, Nev. Now he was obliged to use the Shasta route and the Southern Pacific, the O. R. & N. company and the Oregon Short Line refusing to quote him any rate through Ogden.

JAPANESE GO EAST.

Declare Persecution is Driving Them From the Pacific Coast.

Chicago, April 28.—Chicago is experiencing an unprecedented invasion of Japanese. It is said that a single lodging house at Fifty-first and Clark streets, is the headquarters for 700 new arrivals, whereas three months ago, it is said, there were only 200 in the whole city.

The newcomers are artisans, domestic servants and laborers, all strong and vigorous. They assert that they were driven by persecution from California and other Pacific coast states. Others, it is said, are to follow them.

T. Takahatchi, whose forefather helped lay the cornerstone of the mikado's palace in Tokio, and who makes his living as a teamster for a tea-house, at 1207 Clark street, declared that at the present rate of immigration, there will soon be more Japanese in the East than in the West.

"These who are coming this way now," he added, "are used to manual labor. They will not confine themselves to work in private families, hotels and clubs, as did most of their predecessors. They are tending toward trade unionism."

Smallpox Adds to Horrors.

Latakia, Syria, April 28.—Five thousand refugees are quartered here, having come in from Kernal and other points in the district north of Latakia, where several thousand Turks from surrounding villages have burned towns and killed many Armenians. Several smallpox cases have already been discovered among the refugees. There are no soldiers at Latakia. Miss Effie Chambers, one of the missionaries at Kessab, is safe, news to this effect having reached Dr. J. M. Balph, who is in charge of the mission at Latakia.

Russian Advance Checked.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—A dispatch from Julfa, Persia, says the Russian expedition has encountered opposition, Kurds skirmishing with the Cossack vanguard and compelling a halt. The Russian Foreign office has no confirmation of this but it is admitted that the troops are advancing slowly and will not arrive at Tabriz before tomorrow night. The consul at Tabriz reports that the famine has been relieved somewhat.

Jack London Sells Boat.

Honolulu, April 28.—Advices received today from Sydney, Australia, state that Jack London, the American author, who started on a tour of the South sea islands, many months ago in the sloop "Snark," has sold the boat there and gone to South America.

HOLD TO MANCHURIA

Japan Refuses to Withdraw Garrison From Chinese Territory.

PEKIN GOVERNMENT DEMANDS IT

Takes Advantage of China's Inability to Defend Herself to Gain Desired Foothold.

Victoria, B. C., April 29.—News was brought by the Shinano Maru that Japan is preparing to enforce her hold on Manchuria. An agitation is under way for a "stronger policy toward China." The Japanese Herald of Yokohama says the impression is gaining ground that Japan, taking advantage of the difficulties, diplomatic and domestic, confronting China's executive, is trying deliberately, but none the less relentlessly, to force that country into a diplomatic quandary. Japan, appreciating China's weakness, in military, naval and financial matters, is prodding her into acquiescence in compact derogatory to China's future welfare, and the present concessions will but whet Japan's appetite for more.

In the meantime China is reported to have demanded the withdrawal of Japan's garrisons and policemen along the Antung-Mukden railway. Consul General Koike in Mukden refuses to entertain that demand, in view of article 6 of the Peking convention, on the ground that it was formed for the purpose of crushing out competition was begun in this city today before Special Examiner Williams. The government was represented by C. A. Severance, of St. Paul; Glen E. Husted, of Washington; Charles A. Page, of New York, and N. H. Lomnis, for Harriman.

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EX-SULTAN A PRISONER.

Abdul Hamid May Lose Fortune as Well as Freedom.

Constantinople, April 29.—The former ruler of the empire, Abdul Hamid, will be kept a prisoner in a large house with walled grounds on a height overlooking Salonica, it was learned tonight. He is not to be put on trial, as has been widely reported, for he is considered above the law. It was thought wise to keep the deposed sultan in European Turkey, remote from the capital. His household will be administered upon a generous scale and his life will be safeguarded, as he earnestly besought when notified of his dethronement.

The Constitutionists want to get the great sums of money that the ex-sultan is supposed to have abroad, not only because the government needs it, but because it is desirable that he should be deprived of the resources for another coup d'etat. Speculation places Abdul Hamid's wealth at anywhere from \$25,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

RESUME ADANA SLAUGHTER.

Destruction of City is Completed by Turkish Troops.

London, April 29.—A dispatch from Mersina, dated Monday night, says: "Two Turkish regiments which landed here Saturday proceeded to Adana, where they resumed late Sunday night, the wholesale murdering of Armenians and the burning of their property."

"Thousands were burned to death, while those attempting to escape were shot down by the troops. The destruction of Adana is complete. "All the Armenian population at Bakdjah has been massacred."

Maniac After Falliers.

Monte Carlo, April 29.—A man named Verdier was arrested here today by the French police. He declared that he was an anarchist and that he had come to Monte Carlo for the purpose of killing President Fallieres, of France, who is visiting here. A revolver, loaded with jacketed bullets, was found on Verdier, as well as a letter addressed to the prefect of the department of Alpes maritimes, in which the man explained the motive for his contemplated crime. The police believe he is insane.

Judge Condemns Verdier.

Pueblo, Colo., April 29.—Ninety-nine years in the state penitentiary was imposed upon R. L. Whitehead by Judge Hunter at Las Animas yesterday for the murder of Wilder Lindsey last July. In pronouncing sentence the judge intimated that he did not believe the prisoner guilty of the crime, but the verdict of the jury compelled him to impose the sentence. Whitehead maintained his innocence of the crime to the last.

Warm on Trail of Mars.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 29.—A message received here today from Professor Robert W. Wood, of Johns Hopkins university, practically agrees to the establishment of an observatory at Stamford, West Texas, which will be used in an effort to communicate with the planet Mars.