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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

The Idaho legislature has adjourned. Senator Mitchell is not improving very fast.

Minister Bowen is again at work straightening up the Venezuelan troubles.

The new steel cruiser Chattanooga was launched in the presence of over 4,000 spectators.

Conductors and brakemen on the Union Pacific have been granted an increase in wages.

W. R. Merriam, director of the census, will resign May 15 to go into business in New York.

The American window glass company has closed its plant at Indianapolis. Four thousand men are affected.

Two trains on the Burlington collided near Omaha, fatally injuring one passenger and three others slightly.

The police of Buffalo are unable to locate the murderer of Edward L. Burdick. A woman has been arrested, but there was no evidence against her and she was released.

Two persons were killed and 75 others injured at Montreal by the collapse of a building. Several hundred people had gathered on a roof to watch a burning steamer and the weight was too great for the roof.

Vicar General Mooney is ill with grip at his New York residence.

The new United States monitor Nevada has been placed in commission at the navy yard at Portsmouth, N. H.

A syndicate composed chiefly of Cleveland capitalists is securing options on almost all the coal mines on the Kansas and New Rivers, West Virginia.

Illinois ranks first among the states in the manufacture of agricultural implements, bicycles, cars, glucose and distilled liquors, and in slaughtering and meat packing.

Jewels valued by the owner at over \$3,000 are reported to have been stolen from Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Plawon, who have started on the steamer Farragut for Jamaica.

A. J. McMillan, manager of the Le Roi mine, at Roseland, B. C., has left London for British Columbia, to see what effect the strike among the coal miners is having upon the mining interests in British Columbia and the bordering American states.

The old catalpa tree, which is a feature of Gray's Inn gardens, right in the heart of London, which was taken from Virginia by Sir Walter Raleigh, and was said to have been planted in its present position by Queen Elizabeth, is reported to be dying.

By giving to Yale's library an exceptional collection of Russian and Slavic literature, and more recently a small library on music, the late J. Sumner Smith, Yale 1855, so far impoverished his fortunes that Yale graduates have taken steps to raise a fund for the aid of his widow.

Fire damaged the Dorman building, on Lock street, Buffalo, to the extent of \$75,000.

Pope Leo, although suffering from a severe cold, will not obey the doctors, and attends to business.

The governor of Idaho has signed the bill appropriating \$35,000 for the St. Louis and Portland fairs.

George F. Bowman is dead, making the eighth death from the Edison cement mill explosion at New Village, Pa.

Seven Negroes were killed during shooting affairs when bad weather compelled the construction crews to remain idle on the Dallas division of the Texas & New Orleans railroad.

Two hundred guests in the Startevant House, at Broadway and Twenty-ninth street, New York, were greatly excited by a blaze in the basement of the building, which filled the halls with smoke. One woman attempted to jump from an upper story window with her baby.

Chaplain Henry C. Gavitt, of the United States Army, has been exonerated by court-martial at Denver from the charge of not paying his debts, which was brought against him by a Chicago firm. General Funston approved the finding. Captain Gavitt returns to his post at Fort Grant.

The flood on the Ohio river has passed the danger mark.

Rear Admiral Crowninshield has resigned from the navy.

United States Ambassador Choate was given a banquet in London.

Ladrones in Luzon surprised and captured a band of constabulary.

It has been necessary to call out troops at Colorado City to preserve order.

Option on the Panama canal property has been extended until senate can ratify the treaty.

Senator Mitchell has suffered a relapse, due to over taxation of his strength so soon after his sickness.

Employees of the Washab railroad, who were going to strike, have had an injunction served on them forbidding them going out.

Second Warden McPherson, of the Oregon penitentiary, climbed over the prison wall at night, went through the shops and then climbed back to the outside without being discovered by guards, who have been asked to resign.

William Rudolph and George Collins, accused of bank robbery and murder at Union, Mo., who were captured in Hartford, Conn., are held without bail as fugitives from justice.

INTO THE FLOOD.

Nineteen Passengers on a Hudson River Ferryboat Drowned.

Glens Falls, N. Y., March 10.—Nineteen men are dead as the result of the capsizing of the boat used by the workmen at the Spies falls, about 10 miles west of Glens Falls, on the Hudson river. More than 1,000 men are employed there at present in the construction of the power dam of the Hudson river power company. The laborers and many of the masons are Italians, who live in shanties on the north side of the river. The main portion of the work is carried on at present on the opposite side of the river. The men have been in the habit of crossing a small bridge, where the river flows through an unfinished portion of the dam, but the river has been rising for several days, and the company, fearing the bridge was unsafe, destroyed it with dynamite.

Below the bridge about the work is a ferry. The boat is a scow-shaped affair, about 30 feet long and about 13 feet wide, and is operated by means of cables. It is large enough to carry a heavily loaded team and as many as 150 men have been taken across on it at one time.

When the men were being carried across yesterday an Italian boy became frightened and fell overboard. He was rescued, however.

This morning 70 or 80 men got aboard of the boat, leaving a big crowd on the bank waiting for the next trip. When a few feet from the shore, the water splashed against the rail, and the boy who had fallen overboard the previous day seized one of the tackle ropes which ran from the overhead cabin to the stern of the boat. Some of the men started toward him and instantly the boat careened and filled. The Hudson, swollen by the fresh rains, bore a score or more of the struggling men down stream. Many others succeeded in catching hold of the boat, which had righted, and there they clung until they were pulled ashore.

The wildest excitement prevailed but the current carried many of the men toward shore, and they were rescued. Teams were quickly harnessed and loaded with skilled log drivers and sent down the river to points where the bodies would likely be found. Dozens of dinner pails, hats and coats were fished out, but it was nearly 6 o'clock before the first body was found.

The river for miles is being waded and dragged in hopes of finding the bodies of the victims. There were but two or three English speaking men on the boat.

It is unlikely that all the bodies will be recovered. The river is full of logs, and at the high boom, five miles down the river, there are many thousands of them.

BENSON IN JAIL.

Olympia Murderer Captured Near That Place—Offered No Resistance.

Olympia, March 9.—Christ Benson, the murderer of Jailer Morrell, at Olympia, February 28, was captured last night, and is again in his cell at Olympia.

Benson was found in a deserted cabin two miles west of town. He offered no resistance when caught.

A mob surrounded the jail, with loud cries of "Hang him! Hang him!" but every precaution was taken against violence. When telling his story the murderer cried like a child. His wanderings told very well with the newspaper reporter. He has several times been in the hands of men looking for him, but who let him go after looking at his face.

He was in Tacoma a day and a half and then returned to Olympia.

Strike in Shipyards.

New York, March 10.—Unless demands by the striking boilermakers and iron shipbuilders who left the yards of Townsend & Downey, at Shooter island, about a month ago, are complied with, a general strike will be called by the delegates of the union. An ultimatum has been delivered to the employers, and an answer will be made today. If it is unfavorable, as the employers say it will be, no fewer than 8,000 men will throw down their tools in the shipbuilding yards in New York, Brooklyn and New Jersey.

Cost Nearly \$200,000,000.

St. Petersburg, March 10.—The Siberian railway commission has published figures concerning the cost to date. The Trans-Siberian railway, with a length of 3,000 miles, including the first order of rolling stock, though not including an appropriation of \$47,160,000 to reinforce its means of transport. The committee has likewise appropriated \$5,160,000 for river and harbor improvements, etc., \$15,320,000 for colonization purposes and about \$2,500,000 for gold mine surveys.

Heavy Storms in Colorado.

Telluride, Colo., March 10.—A severe snow storm has been in progress in the mountains near here for three days, accompanied at times by terrific gales. Snowdrifts have occurred at different places, but as yet no serious damage or loss of life has been reported. The snowfall in this vicinity this winter has been very heavy, and it is feared much damage to mining property and possibly loss of life will occur when the slides begin to run.

Coal Mine on Fire.

Bozeman, Mont., March 10.—Fire is raging in the coal mine of the Northern Pacific railroad company at Chestnut, near here. The reports indicate that the damage is extensive. As far as possible all approaches to the fire have been bulkheaded and it is hoped to smother the blaze. All operations at the mine have been suspended for at least two weeks. Over 200 men are idle.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

New Creamery at Pleasant Hill—Stockmen's Convention at Medford—Money for State Convict Labor—Pork County Mohair Pool—Fruitgrowers Organize in Rogue River Valley.

A creamery association has been organized at Pleasant Hill, Lane county. For the first time in the past four months the district is entirely free of every contagious disease.

The Loewenberg-Goin company last week paid into the state treasury \$1,790.00 on account of convict labor in the prison stone laundry for November and December.

The destruction of a large barn on the Theodore Stalger farm, two miles from Salem, resulted in a loss of \$6,000. Eight valuable horses were burned. Tramps are supposed to have started the fire.

The fruitgrowers of the vicinity of Medford held a mass meeting there and perfected an organization, which is known as the Rogue River Fruitgrowers' union. They adopted a constitution and by-laws.

The stockmen's convention, held at Medford last Saturday, was attended by 60 of the most prominent cattlemen in Jackson county. Addresses were made by a number of well known speakers. A temporary organization was made. Another meeting will be held March 21 and organized permanently.

The Polk county mohair association met in Dallas last week to transact important business and to set the time of the sale of the pool of the association. The pool at present is the fleece of about 12,000 goats, and will amount to about 50,000 or 60,000 pounds. The severe winter in the hill districts will cause the clip to be somewhat lighter than usual.

The office of the Linn county sheriff is a very busy place these days. Taxes are being paid quite rapidly by citizens of Linn county, who are anxious to take advantage of the 3 per cent rebate for prompt payment.

William Moore, the postmaster at Greenville, and the proprietor of a general merchandise store, was held up by two masked men with drawn pistols and robbed of \$110, \$91 of which was funds belonging to the postoffice.

Hon. J. M. Church, of La Grande, who is a member of the board of regents of the agricultural college, has received notice that a farmers' institute will be held in La Grande March 20 and 21. Several members of the Corvallis faculty will be in attendance.

Final arrangements have been made for the holding of a street fair and carnival at Grants Pass from June 16 to 21. The Woodmen of the World of that city are at the head of the undertaking. It will be a Southern Oregon affair and all of the towns in the state south of Roseburg will participate.

The efforts to organize a real estate exchange in Albany have proved successful. The constitution provides that the executive board shall have three members not engaged in the real estate business, and that there shall be harmony between the members on all questions of sales and commissions.

W. T. Nolan has been appointed register and Miss Anne M. Lang as receiver of The Dalles land office.

Preparations are being made for beginning work upon the new buildings at the state asylum for which appropriations were made the past session. At the farm there will be another closed course similar to the one built last year, at a cost of \$15,000, and an extension will be built upon the kitchen and dining room, for which the sum of \$4,000 has been provided.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Wallia Walla, 75c; bluestem, 87c; valley, 78c@80c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24.

Flour—Best grade, \$4.30@4.35; Graham, \$3.45@3.55.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$19.50@20. chop, \$18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15 @ 1.20; gray, \$1.12 @ 1.15 per cental.

Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; cheat, \$9@10 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 40¢@75¢ per sack; ordinary, 40¢@50¢ per cental; growers' price; Merced sweets, 2¢@2.25 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 11¢@12¢; young, 11¢@12¢; hens, 12¢; turkeys, live, 15¢@16¢; dressed, 18¢@20¢; ducks, \$7.50 per dozen; geese, \$7.25@8.50.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16¢@17¢; Young America, 17¢@18¢; factory prices, 1¢@1½¢ less.

Butter—Fancy cream, 30¢@32¢ per pound; extras, 30¢; dairy, 20¢@22¢; store, 16¢@18¢.

Eggs—15¢@16¢ per dozen.

Hops—Choice, 23¢@25¢ per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12¢@15¢; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@14¢; mohair, 26¢@28¢.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3¢@3½¢ per pound; steers, 4¢@4½¢; dressed, 7½¢.

Mutton—Gross, 4¢ per pound; dressed, 7½¢.

Lamb—Gross, 4¢ per pound; dressed, 7½¢.

Hogs—Gross, 6½¢ per pound; dressed, 7¢@7½¢.

Fire Scars in Chicago.

Chicago, March 5.—Occupants of the Great Eastern and Queen hotels at Washab avenue and Harrison street and 100 or more persons in the Palm Garden at the Auditorium annex were given a scare tonight by a fire that destroyed the six-story building at 352 Washab avenue, which extended back nearly to the Auditorium annex. For a several hours the fire threatened to spread to several hotels and lodging houses, many occupants of which carried their belongings into the street. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

IN SPECIAL SESSION.

United States Senate Convenes at President's Call—New Members Sworn In.

Washington, March 6.—The opening of the extra session of the senate of the 58th congress yesterday was made doubly interesting by the swearing in of new members.

After the invocation, Mr. Bennett, the secretary of the senate, read the proclamation of the president convening the extra session. He spoke for Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, referred to the constitutional procedure of administering oaths to the new senators, and said that if there were any other procedure the result would be that a third of the senate might be kept out of their seats for an indefinite time on the present flood of objections, without responsibility, and never established before in the senate by any prolonged inquiry. The result might be, he said, that a change in the political power of this government might be indefinitely postponed. He stated that questions of qualification might be postponed and acted upon by the senate afterward.

The names of the newly elected senators were called alphabetically, and each was escorted to the desk by his colleague. As some of the names were called there was applause in the galleries.

There were 74 senators present. Hoar and Cockrell were appointed a committee to wait upon the president and inform him that the senate was ready to proceed to business.

Hoar and Cockrell, the special committee appointed to wait upon the president, reported that they had performed that duty, and that the president said he would at once make a communication in writing.

Immediately Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the president, appeared in the senate with a message from the president. It read as follows:

"To the senate: I have called the senate in extraordinary session to consider the treaties concerning which it provided impossible to take action during the congress just ended. I ask your special attention to the treaty with the republic of Cuba, securing to the United States the right to build to the isthmian canal, and to the treaty with the republic of Cuba, for securing a measure of commercial reciprocity between the two countries.

"The great and far-reaching importance of these two treaties to the welfare of the United States and the urgent need of their adoption requires me to impose upon you the inconvenience of a meeting at this time.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT. White House, March 5, 1903."

MONEY FOR FAIR.

Washington Legislature Votes \$50,000 for Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Olympia, Wash., March 6.—The Washington senate yesterday passed Rankin's bill appropriating \$50,000 for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

A debate on the motion was started by Sharp, who moved to cut the amount down to \$25,000. Senator Warburton was the chief objector to the appropriation.

The sum of \$75,000 is given to the St. Louis fair. This bill met with comparatively little opposition. On their arrival, Kwang Hui, the present emperor, is to be made away with, says the Chinese correspondent, and the representatives of the various foreign powers and all foreigners in the capital as well as in the provinces, are to meet the same fate, without distinction.

Crack Who Wants \$100,000. Washington, March 9.—A Swede who gave his name as Z. Berg, of Providence, R. I., tried for an hour today to see the president. He was urged by the white house attaches to reduce his communication to writing. This he endeavored to do, but failed. One of the secret service officers interviewed him and found him possessed of hallucinations. Berg said that several years ago he had informed the United States government that the Spaniards intended to blow up one of the battleships, and wanted the president to see that he received \$100,000 for his information.

Earthquake Shakes Saxony. Berlin, March 9.—Earthquake shocks have been felt for two days in the district of Voigtland, Saxony, in the Erzgebirge mountains. Yesterday's shocks were slight, but those of today were violent. The inhabitants of Grätz left houses and passed into the streets. The tremors were felt as far as Pohlen, Richenbach and Zwickau. Houses at Unter Sachsenburg and at Aesch shook for several seconds. There was great excitement throughout the affected district.

Worse Than Blockade. Wilhelmstadt, Island of Curacao, March 9.—The steamship which arrived here today from Maracaibo, Venezuela, carried only one-third of her usual cargo and brought no coffee. The merchants of Maracaibo say they cannot pay the present export duties, which, they add, are more ruinous to them than was the blockade of the Venezuelan coast. Advice received here from revolutionary sources in Venezuela say the revolutionary forces have gathered around Caracas; and a hold all the eastern part of Venezuela, except Cumana.

Barclay to Command at Bremerton. Washington, March 9.—While an official announcement has been made, it is believed in naval circles that Captain Charles J. Barclay, commandant at the Boston navy yard, has been selected for similar duty at the Bremerton, Wash., yard, and that the assignment will soon be made. Captain Barclay stands well up on the list of captains, and his promotion to the grade of rear admiral is likely to follow soon after the transfer.

START THE JETTY

SECRETARY ROOT PROMISES TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY.

Action Has Been Delayed by Efforts of Haupt to Secure Adoption of His Plan for Reaction Jetty—Local Engineers Ready to Begin Construction as Soon as Orders Come.

Washington, March 9.—Senators Mitchell and Fulton today called on Secretary Root and other war department officials to urge the early approval of the report of the engineer board on the project for improving the mouth of the Columbia river. They laid before the department a large number of telegrams and letters from commercial bodies and other interested parties, emphasizing the importance of early action. Secretary Root told the senators he would act on the report in about a week or ten days at the outside. He said it was now held up on account of requests made by L. M. Haupt, who is bringing every influence to bear to have the board's recommendations overruled and his reaction jetty substituted. The senators gave the secretary to understand that the people of Oregon are well satisfied with the board plan, and believe their unanimous judgment cannot be improved upon. They view the great importance of the work, they do not now want any experimenting at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Secretary Root did not say what action he would take, but strongly intimated that he would approve the board report. He did say that as soon as the report was acted upon the work would be done with all possible speed, and that his department was desirous of affording relief to the commerce of the Columbia river with the least possible delay.

Senator Fulton intends, as soon as he has more data and details, to take up with the war department the matter of the right of way for the state portage road between The Dalles and Celilo, for which the legislature recently made the appropriation. He desires to secure permission from the government to construct this portage road over the right of way that was acquired for the old boat railway, which is now the property of the government, and which will not be required for canal purposes.

BLOOD WILL FLOW.

Another Reign of Terror Impending in China—Empress Dowager in Plot.

Victoria, March 9.—According to advices received from Peking, an outbreak, and with it a carnival of murder extending to the Boxer outbreak, is regarded by many as imminent. Correspondents of Chinese papers at Peking are sending columns telling of the duplicity of the empress dowager and of the threatened outbreak.

The North China Daily News, one of the best informed journals of the East, has received advices that the empress dowager and Yung Lu, the grand chancellor, are known to be aiding the movement of Tung Fu Hsiang in Kansu, and on the authority of a Chinese "of high literary rank" at Peking, a Shanghai paper says that while the empress dowager is issuing edicts commanding reforms on Western lines, and pretending to initiate reforms, she is secretly sending instructions to viceroys and governors prohibiting the inauguration of foreign treaties.

The empress is also said to be sending intimations to some viceroys that Tung Fu Hsiang is to be aided in marching his army to Peking to escort the young emperor, Prince Chun, and his heir apparent, to the throne. On their arrival, Kwang Hui, the present emperor, is to be made away with, says the Chinese correspondent, and the representatives of the various foreign powers and all foreigners in the capital as well as in the provinces, are to meet the same fate, without distinction.

Soldiers Don't Wish to Come Home. Manila, March 7.—The United States transport Thomas will sail for home tomorrow, taking two batteries and four companies of artillery. Sixty of the artillerymen expressed their desire to remain in the island. Seven hundred today were voted by the infantry regiments ordered home and passed into the streets. The transports were left here, but General Davis is unable to comply with their requests, as the authorized strength of the regiments which remain here is already exceeded.

Spain Will Exhibit. Madrid, March 7.—D. R. Francis, president of the St. Louis exposition, started back to Paris tonight. During his stay here he conferred with the premier and ministers of state and agriculture. He was assured by all that Spain would participate in the exposition and would appoint a commission to visit St. Louis to select a site for a Spanish building and apply for space for Spanish exhibitors. Mr. Francis is much gratified at the result of his visit, and the cordiality of his reception.

Streetscars for Manila. Manila, March 5.—A syndicate headed by Charles Swift, of Detroit, Mich., and including the Westinghouse company and White & Co., was the only bidder for the Manila street railway franchise. The interests represented in the syndicate combined and purchased the franchise and the property of the old Spanish company. The German bidders withdrew. The Swift syndicate offers the government a fourth of the gross earnings.

OVER A BILLION AND A HALF.

Total Appropriations of Last Congress Amount of Each Bill.

Washington, March 6.—The appropriations made during the session of congress which closed Wednesday aggregated \$753,484,013, as against \$800,624,498 for the last session. The total for the entire congress thus footed up \$1,554,108,514, or something more than \$100,000,000 in excess of the total appropriations for the 56th congress. The total for that congress was \$1,440,489,438.

These figures were embodied in a statement presented to the senate by Allison, chairman of the committee on appropriations. The statement also contained an itemized statement showing the expenditures for the past session by bills as follows:

Table with columns for Department and Amount. Includes Agriculture, Army, Diplomatic and consular, District of Columbia, Fortifications, Indian, Interior, Legislative, executive and judicial, Military academy, Navy, Penitentiaries, Postoffice, Postoffice and telegraph, Public buildings, Public lands, Public works, Miscellaneous.

FOUND MARINE GRAVEYARD.

Many Other Wrecks Where the Dark Alex McNeil Was Lost.

Victoria, B. C., March 6.—Details were received by the Empress of India of the wreck of the bark Alex McNeil, which was lost on Pratas reef, as was briefly cabled, when bound from Manila to Port Townsend. She left Manila December 10, and 13 days later piled up on Pratas shoal, which, by Captain Jorgensen's reckoning, should have been 80 miles distant. The mate, Evans, and four seamen left in the ship's boat to explore the reef and nothing further was heard of them. At low water the captain explored the reef and found the wrecks of half a dozen vessels, including the wreck of a four-masted ship and a steamer.

The reef stretched for miles, and at the western end was a deserted fishing station with a joss house and half a dozen Chinese graves. There was a deserted cabin, containing pictures and articles which must have been secured from wrecks. After several days spent on the wreck, the survivors started in their patched-up cutter for Hong Kong. They were four days at sea, suffering great privations, when a Norwegian steamer picked them up and landed them at Hong Kong.

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To RECLAIM 340,000 ACRES. Tacoma Man Given Big Contract to Dam Snake River.

Tacoma, March 6.—Nelson Bennett, of Tacoma, has secured the contract for damming the Snake river in Idaho, at a point 25 miles above Shoshone falls, and building 65 miles of canal on the south side of the river and 24 miles on the north side, not including laterals, which will reclaim 340,000 acres of land under the new government irrigation law. The dam is to cost \$400,000 or more, and the canals \$2,500,000, not including the laterals. The larger canal is to be 80 feet wide at the top, and to carry ten feet of water, which is to be raised from the river 40 feet. The contract is let by the Twin Falls land and water company, of Salt Lake. Two sections of the canal must be completed in one year. For the completion of the entire work five years are allowed.

Mr. Bennett is today shipping several trainloads of his outfit to a small station on the O. R. & N. known as Kinama. The canals are to be in Owyhee and Lincoln counties.

Ames Must Show Cause. Nashua, N. H., March 6.—An order of the supreme court in the habeas corpus proceedings brought by counsel for Dr. A. A. Ames, former mayor of Minneapolis, who is wanted in that city in connection with the bribery scandals, was served upon Dr. Ames today at Hancock, where he is under arrest. The court orders that Dr. Ames shall appear in court on March 11 and show cause, if such he cannot be taken back to Minneapolis for trial. It is now the opinion of the physicians that Dr. Ames' condition is sufficiently improved to permit his return to Minneapolis.

Alaskan Treaty Ratified. Washington, March 5.—Secretary Hay and Sir Michael Herbert today exchanged ratifications of the Alaska boundary treaty. The preparation of it with all speed, as if back to Minneapolis for trial. It is now the opinion of the physicians that Dr. Ames' condition is sufficiently improved to permit his return to Minneapolis.

Smoking Car Smashed. Kansas City, Mo., March 6.—Outgoing Rock Island Texas train No. 23, which left the west end station at 10:30 o'clock tonight, over the Union Pacific tracks, which the Rock Island uses out of here, crashed into the smoker of Rock Island train No. 12 and 22, which were made into one, but were late and trying to make a siding at Rock Island Junction, just outside the Kansas City yards. The smoker was thrown from the track, turned over and smashed into kindling wood and all inside more or less injured, but none killed.

Famine in Japan. Yokohama, March 6.—The practically complete failure of the rice crop last year has caused widespread distress in Japan, culminating in famine in the northwestern provinces. From an official report it is learned that the destitution is much greater than was supposed. The number of starving, so far as officially known, is 1,477,688, with the possibility of these figures being greatly added to. The foreign element is now taking steps for relief.

Murder in First Degree. Eugene, Or., March 6.—Elliott Lyons, who while resisting arrest for larceny stealing at his home west of Eugene on February 5, shot and killed Robert Withers, of this county, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by the jury in ten minutes. He will be sentenced today.

AFTER SMUGGLERS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS A HUNT IN NORTHWEST.

Perseverant and Determined Efforts Being Made to Break Up the Existing Gang—Puguet Sound an Ideal Place for Operations—Another Revenue Cutter to Be Added to Service.

Portland, March 5.—Opium smugglers, who have been operating in Portland and other coast towns, are now actively sought by agents of the treasury department. It is possible that the opium ring, which has existed for several years past, may be