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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 situation in the Balkan states grows more serious.

Admiral Carver, of Spain, has been gassed a life senator.

The Wisconsin assembly has passed a bill to prohibit bucket shops in that state.

A diplomatic rupture between the United States and Turkey has been narrowly averted.

Owing to the discovery of bubonic plague at Callao, the principal markets of Lima have been closed.

Twenty-seven letters from William Penn's voluminous correspondence sold at auction brought \$2,882.50.

The yacht America, the first winner of the America's cup, is to be broken up because she is no longer seaworthy. She was built in 1851.

The Western insurance company, with headquarters at Louisville, Kentucky, will go out of business on account of oppressive taxation.

George Walls, a missing Pittsburg boy, is now alleged to have been kidnapped, and a reward of \$20,000 for information about him is offered.

The plant of the Mill Creek valley distilling company at Cincinnati was damaged \$75,000 by fire and an employee probably fatally injured.

The theft of \$10,000 in jewelry and silver from August Belmont has been placed at the door of one of his servants, George Reynolds. The property was recovered.

The board of agriculture has prohibited the importation into Great Britain of animals from Argentina and Uruguay on and after May 12, owing to the existence of foot and mouth disease in those republics.

The new French airship has proven a great success.

Japan is all ready for war with Russia, if necessity demands it.

A. W. Machen, superintendent of free delivery routes, has been given a leave of absence to expedite the postal fraud investigation.

John Crogan, brother of the murderer of McKinley, was placed under arrest at Los Angeles and kept in jail while President Roosevelt remained in town.

Estimates of the 1903 wheat crop place the output at 40,000,000 for Oregon, Washington and Idaho. There is a large increase in the acreage of barley and oats.

Ten or twelve persons were severely injured and three business houses in the center of Stockton, Cal., were burned by an explosion which was followed by fire.

Willie Sweet, of Idaho, has been appointed attorney general of Porto Rico.

Ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, has been found guilty of accepting a bribe.

The Turkey-Bulgarian war cloud has disappeared, Turkey having withdrawn.

Secretary of War Root has purchased a plot in New York on which to erect a \$150,000 residence.

Morris K. Jessup, the well known financier, has been elected president of the New York Chamber of commerce.

Andrew Carnegie has been decorated with the Order of Bolivar, a Venezuelan honor, second class, as a benefactor to humanity.

The British-American tobacco company will buy out the T. C. Williams company, of Richmond, Va., one of its strongest rivals.

James Heggan has filed plans for two five-story white marble dwellings in New York. He will make one of the palaces his home.

Twenty persons were injured, a few seriously, in a Chicago street car collision due to an accident to the running gear of one of the cars.

Omaha has ordered all saloons closed during the big strike now on.

All warships but those of Austria will be withdrawn from Salonica.

The more serious forest fires in the Adirondacks are now out and the remainder under control.

Mrs. C. P. Huntington has purchased the new \$500,000 six-story mansion of Mrs. J. F. Carroll in New York.

A French-Belgian syndicate has been formed in Europe with a capital of \$2,900,000 to work the Chilean mines.

Three thousand dollars of the money which was stolen from Express Agent Peterson, of Britt, Ia., last week, has been found beneath the company's building.

In a street-car runaway at Rochester, Pa., the conductor was probably fatally hurt, the motorman badly bruised and six passengers injured. Wet rails caused the accident.

The report that General Mateo, the revolutionist leader, has landed in Venezuela on Curacao, is confirmed.

The rivers and harbors committee of the house of representatives made a tour of the navigable waters about New York to see what improvements are needed in shipping facilities.

CANAL TREATY WILL WIN.

American Commission Talks of Its Visit to Isthmus Canal Site.

Washington, May 12.—The subcommittee of the Isthmian canal commission, consisting of Rear Admiral Walker, General Haines and Professor Burr, which visited the Isthmus of Panama to inspect the work and property of the new canal company, has returned to Washington.

The mission of the committee was accomplished quicker than was anticipated. The commission found that while the canal company has employed on the work about 1,200 men, little in a definite or effective way is being accomplished. Just enough work is being done to keep the project alive.

Members of the commission say the ratification of the canal treaty by the United States senate was received enthusiastically by the people on the Isthmus. Property values have increased rapidly, and real estate along the route of the canal continues to rise.

On arrival at the Isthmus the members of the commission let it be known that their mission was purely one of engineering, and that, individually or collectively, they had nothing to do with the practical or diplomatic phases of the situation. Some valuable data was gathered, and these will be reported to the full committee. Subsequently, upon the appointment of the commission which will supervise the construction of the waterway, the information will be presented to it.

Members of the commission are of the opinion that the treaty will eventually be ratified by the Colombian congress. Admiral Walker had a long talk with Secretary Hay today upon conditions on the Isthmus in their special relation to the canal project.

BOWEN TALKED STRAIGHT.

Venezuela Called Down Hard for Insult to American Flag.

Washington, May 12.—An interesting account of the action of Minister Bowen, at Caracas, in demanding an apology from the Venezuelan government for the improper use made of the American flag by the commander of the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, is given in the current volume of "Foreign Relations." Mr. Bowen, without waiting for instructions from the United States, called in person on the minister of foreign affairs and said to him:

"Your captain dishonored the American flag, and he should be ordered to raise it and salute it, and your government should apologize."

The minister desired several days in which to investigate the matter. "The facts that I have presented to you are indisputable," said Mr. Bowen, "and I can give you only 20 hours, for I feel that at the end of that time I must cable the facts to my government."

"On the following day regrets were expressed on behalf of Venezuela and the flag was raised and saluted with 21 guns.

NEW RIFLE FOR THE ARMY.

United States Will Have the Most Powerful Weapon in the World.

Washington, May 12.—The army board, which has been for months past considering the merits of the new service rifle, or musket, has finally declared in favor of a weapon with a barrel only 24 inches in length, using a .30 ball. The new gun is a remarkable weapon according to the ordnance officers, for while it is six inches shorter than the Krag and only two inches longer than the carbine, it is more powerful than either, with a higher initial velocity and flatter trajectory. It can easily penetrate 24 inch-planks. It is one pound lighter than the service rifle, which is a consideration in the tropics. A new feature is the complete enclosure of the barrel in wood to prevent burning of the hands of the marksman when the gun is rapidly discharged. The gun was evolved by the United States army officers, and is not patented. It is said to be the most powerful musket in the world.

German Visitors at St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 12.—Forty-five prominent land owners of Germany, who are touring the United States to study agricultural conditions, arrived here today. A local reception committee met and welcomed the delegates of "agriculturists" as its members are known, which was sent to America by Emperor William. The delegates include representatives of nearly all provinces of Germany. The day here was devoted to inspecting the world's fair site, and tomorrow the party will depart for Kansas City.

Lee Tells of Corruption.

St. Louis, May 12.—Ex-Lieutenant Governor Lee's statement, detailing his knowledge of hoodling in the state legislature, was presented to Circuit Attorney Folk today. Several startling assertions are made in the paper, but throughout the greater part of it the ex-lieutenant governor adopts a moralizing tone, pointing out the cause and results of the condition that exist. In a general way, he charges several men with being corrupt. The statement contains about 2,000 words. It has not yet been given out in detail.

College Class Suspended.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 12.—Chancellor Day, of Syracuse university, today suspended the entire freshman class for acts committed by some of its members last night at room 15 of the Central school during the week beginning June 22 and that detailed information can be obtained by addressing the alumni in charge, Joseph Shippen, New York block, Seattle.

Examinations for Harvard.

Seattle, May 12.—Announcement is made that the Harvard university examinations for admission will be held in Seattle at room 15 of the Central school during the week beginning June 22 and that detailed information can be obtained by addressing the alumni in charge, Joseph Shippen, New York block, Seattle.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

GOOD WORK OF BUREAU.

Harriman Lines are Turning Thoughts of Thousands to Oregon.

G. M. McKinney, who has charge of the immigration department of the Harriman lines, met with the real estate dealers of Salem to discuss matters relating to his work. He explained the plan of his department and talked with the real estate men concerning the methods of advertising that they must resort to in order to draw immigration to this state. That Oregon is now the most widely talked of state in the Union is the declaration he made, after telling how the resources of this state have been advertised through the immigration bureau. As an indication of what has been done by the Willamette valley, he said that since his department has been working between 4,000 and 5,000 one-way railway tickets have been used by Eastern people, who came to the valley and did not go away again.

He said that the immigration bureau of the Harriman lines is the most perfect enterprise of the kind ever organized in the United States, and that it reaches in the most effective manner those persons who are the most desirable immigrants. Within seven months after he began work his department had placed the literature advertising this state into the hands of 2,000,000 people. The bureau has placed in the field 15 lecturers, with stereoscopic views showing scenes illustrating the resources and industries of Oregon, and the lecturers are addressing Eastern audiences four evenings a week. Six immigration agents in the different sections of the middle West are giving their whole time to disseminating information regarding this state, supervising the distribution of literature to those who are most likely to come to this state, and aiding scores of Eastern real estate men who are encouraging Western immigration.

By means of this vigorous policy the people of the Eastern states have been interested in Oregon, with the result that there is more talk of this state as a desirable place for home-seekers than there is of any other state.

War Vessels for Astoria Regatta.

The Astoria regatta committee has already received several letters from the California rowing clubs, signifying their intention of participating in this year's regatta, but it is too early yet to tell just what crews will be present. Senator Fulton is joining with the committee in the effort to secure the presence of one or more war vessels and has written to the secretary of the navy, requesting that at least two vessels of the Pacific squadron be sent to Astoria to participate in the annual regatta during August.

Little Change in Herd Law.

Aside from the amendment of the law regarding the running of stock in Multnomah county, no change was made by the last legislature in the herd law. Section 61 of the new road law prohibits the herding of stock upon the highways, thereby obstructing them with earth, stones, or other debris, but this section does not prohibit herding stock on the highways so long as there is no obstruction remaining more than 24 hours.

Plenty of Gold but Little Silver.

Clackamas county officers report an unusual scarcity of silver. Treasurer Cahill says gold pieces, in denominations of \$20, were never before so plentiful as they are at this time, and he finds it troublesome to keep on hand a sufficient amount of silver with which to make change. No reason is assigned for this condition, save that it indicates a substantial way a greater degree of prosperity among all classes.

Wool in Marion County Pool.

From information produced at the Marion county woolgrowers' association meeting, it seems probable that the quantity of wool controlled by the pool this year will be nearly double that of last year. The soliciting committee has not yet completed its work, but thus far 50 members have been secured, and it is expected that the total amount of wool represented will be from 75,000 to 100,000 pounds.

Survey of the McKenzie.

Professor McAllester, who is at the head of the University of Oregon mechanical department, has completed arrangements for a hydrographical survey of the McKenzie river this summer. The survey will be made for the purpose of determining the water power of the river with a view of locating the points where electric plants and the like may be established to the best advantage.

Water Seeps from Ditch.

The irrigating ditch belonging to Henry E. Ankeny, of Eugene, and Mrs. J. T. Henley, of Klamath county, runs through the town of Klamath Falls, and the village authorities have commenced suit in the circuit court to secure an injunction against the owners, alleging that the property is a nuisance on account of injury from seepage.

New Road to Crater Lake.

W. S. Arant, superintendent of Crater Lake national park, reports that he will have the new road leading to the lake ready for use by August 1. It will be shorter and have fewer bumps and steep grades than the old one and will enable a journey from Fort Klamath to the lake, 25 miles, in 2 1/2 hours.

Rainier Lumber Shipments.

Ninety-five carloads of lumber and shingles were shipped from Rainier in the past month. This does not include the cargo of 600,000 feet shipped to San Pedro by sailing vessel.

Cattle Coming to Summer Ranges.

Cattle are beginning to come into Starkey prairie for summer range. The pair of summers several thousand head, principally from Umatilla and lower down, in Union county.

Eastern Oregon Geological Survey.

T. B. White, of the United States geological survey, is in Pendleton and will at once begin work in Eastern Oregon.

WILL FIGHT THE RESERVE.

Southern Oregon Citizens Readily Sign Petitioning.

A zealous protest is being made by the citizens of Josephine and Curry counties against the establishment of the great forest reserve, embracing nearly half of Curry and all of Western and Southern Josephine, as well as part of Douglas. Josephine would be blocked in, so to speak, and Curry would be placed in a position whereby its advancement would be a matter of difficulty.

Just at this time, when prosperity seems to be heading this way, capital is becoming interested, new people coming in, and new industries being established, it is a hard blow both to Josephine and Curry, as the citizens claim who are opposing the measure, to establish a forest reserve of so vast dimensions. The argument made that streams are drying up by reason of the removal of trees, seems not well founded. But few, if any trees, have been removed in that section, not enough by any means to affect the flow of water in the creeks and streams. Even the miners, who need the water the most, oppose the establishment of the reserve.

Petitions, begging that the matter of establishing the reserve be reconsidered, or that the tract be not withdrawn, are being circulated in Josephine and Curry counties, and are being liberally signed.

State Labor Federation.

The first annual convention of the Oregon state federation of labor met in La Grande this week. About 100 delegates were present. The attendance was neither as large nor as representative as was hoped. By far the larger part of those in the convention were from Portland, while Astoria, Salem, Albany, Ashland, Baker City and Pendleton have from one to three delegates each. Those in attendance are very much in earnest in their desire to take up in the convention some of the knotty questions confronting organized labor and determine a course of action in regard to them.

Union Mills Increase Capacity.

The Union woolen mills is receiving a lot of new machinery that will greatly increase the capacity of the plant. There will be seven carloads of the new equipment now arriving, and include five new looms. The machinery will be installed at once, and when in operation the plant will give employment to about 75 people. The factory is operated by water power, and manufactures blankets almost exclusively, having gained a wide and substantial reputation for its pure lamb's wool blankets.

Clackamas County Valuation.

The assessable valuation of all Clackamas county is being doubled by Assessor Nelson, who is at work on the 1903 roll. Assessor Nelson reports that heretofore in this county property has been assessed at not to exceed 35 per cent of its real value. This year it is being listed at double the former valuations. The amount of the tax under this plan will be about the same, since it will be cut down in proportion to the increase in the property valuations.

Bridge Over Santiam.

At a mass meeting of Linn county farmers held in school district No. 114 recently some resolutions asking the county court to rebuild Sanderson's bridge were adopted and sent to the court. This bridge was carried away by the floods of last January. It was one of the longest bridges supported by Linn county and spanned the Santiam river, connecting this portion of the county with that rich section known as the forks of the Santiam.

Inmate Asylum Report.

The report of Superintendent J. F. Calbreath, of the state inmate asylum, for April shows the number of patients March 31 as 1,297; remaining on April 30, 1,298. Number of officers and employees, 160; expenditures for articles consumed, \$7,749.41; pay roll, \$6,064.66; cost of maintenance per capita per month, \$10.69; per day, 35 cents.

Eastern Oregon Pioneer.

Julius O. Mack, one of the best known residents of Eastern Oregon, died at his home at The Dalles Sunday afternoon, after a short illness, from pneumonia. Mr. Mack was about 50 years of age.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 70¢71¢; valley, 75¢76¢.
Barley—Feed, \$21.50 per ton; brewing, \$25.
Flour—Best grades, \$3.95@4.25; granular, \$3.45@3.85.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$24; shorts, \$19.50@20; chop, \$18.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.51@1.20; gray, \$1.12@1.15 per cental.
Hay—Timothy, \$12@13.50; clover, \$10@11; cheat, \$11@12 per ton.
Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 50¢ per sack; ordinary, 25¢@30¢ per cental; growers' price; Morced sweets, \$3@3.50 per cental.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 11¢12¢; young, 13¢14¢; hens, 12¢; turkeys, live, 16¢17¢; dressed, 20¢22¢; ducks, \$7.00@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$6@6.50.
Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16¢@17¢; Young America, 17¢@17 1/2¢; factory prices, 16¢@17¢; less.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 22¢ per pound; extras, 21¢; dairy, 20¢@22¢; store, 16¢18¢.
Eggs—16¢17¢ per dozen.
Hops—Choice, 18¢20¢ per pound.
Wool—Valley 12 1/2¢@15¢; Eastern Oregon, 8¢14¢; mohair, 35¢@36¢.
Beef—Cows, 3 1/2¢@4¢ per pound; steers, 4 1/2¢@5¢; dressed, 7 1/2¢.
Veal—8¢@8 1/2¢.
Mutton—Gross, 7¢@7 1/2¢ per pound; dressed, 8¢@9¢.
Lamb—Gross, 4¢ per pound; dressed, 7¢.
Hogs—Gross, 7¢@7 1/2¢ per pound; dressed, 8¢@8 1/2¢.

MOROS ARE ROUTED.

Americans Win Big Victory in Mindanao—Sultan Among Captured.

Manila, May 9.—Captain Peralsh's column has defeated the sultan of Ampangan, a strong force of Moros in the Taraca country, on the east shore of Lake Lanao, island of Mindanao. The Americans captured ten forts. One hundred and fifteen Moros were killed, 13 were wounded and 60 were made prisoners. The Moros captured included the sultan. Two Americans were killed and seven were wounded.

The ten forts constituted serious and strong positions on the banks of the Taraca river, and from them the Moros vigorously resisted Captain Peralsh's advance. The American troops attacked the forts Monday and captured eight of them without suffering any losses, though the 36 obsolete cannon mounted on the fortifications were served with the best of the enemy's ability. The garrison of the ninth fort resisted fiercely, and Captain Peralsh ordered the fort to be shelled and captured by assault, which was done. Lieutenants Shaw and Gracie, leading two companies of the Twenty-seventh Infantry and a detachment of cavalry, surrounded the tenth fort, where the sultan had sought refuge, and it surrendered Tuesday. The forts have been dismantled. Captain Peralsh moved north Tuesday to complete the exploration of the lake.

HURLED TO DEATH.

Thirty Men Thrown Down Precipice by Train on Canadian Pacific.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 9.—By an accident on the main line of the Canadian Pacific near Wester station, 32 miles east of this place, 12 laborers imprisoned in the wreckage of a derailed work train were either killed outright or burned to death. Eight others were frightfully burned, and a number of them will die. The men were asleep when the train left the track. The train was running at a high speed when it was derailed, presumably by the breaking of an axle. Every car left the track and plunged down an embankment into the ditch. The men who were killed were asleep in what is known as the "ardling car" which was attached to the rear of the train. There were 30 men in the car. It was crushed like an eggshell, killing some of the men outright and pinning others under the wreckage, so that they could not extricate themselves. Fire added its horror to the scene, the splintered woodwork of the car being ignited by an overturned stove.

The men who escaped injury at once set to work to liberate the imprisoned workers, but they were driven back by the flames, which spread rapidly. One of the imprisoned men succeeded in extricating himself, and smashing a window, crawled out from under the wreckage. He reported that several others, some of them badly injured were lying near the window. The rescuers succeeded in getting ten or 12 men through the shattered windows. The flames meanwhile were growing fierce, and the men were finally driven from the work of rescue by the intense heat.

IN WATERY GRAVES.

Fifteen Lives Lost in Wreck of a Fishing Schooner.

Canoe, B. C., May 9.—The American fishing schooner Gloria, Captain George Stoddard, of Gloucester, Mass., ran ashore last night during a thick fog on the cliffs at Wale cove, near White Point ledge, and 15 of the crew, including the captain, were drowned, out of a total of 18. When the Gloria struck on the ledge she passed over the outer ridges, but upon the inner reef butted against a cliff of rocks, and then fell off into the sea. The place where the Gloria was wrecked is one of the most dangerous on the Nova Scotia coast. It is less than a mile from where the steamer Blammanden was wrecked last year, and only half a mile from the scene of the wreck of the steamer Tiber in February, 1902, when 22 lives were lost. The three survivors were brought here this afternoon, and are being cared for by the United States consul. They say that the vessel is a total wreck. None of the bodies have been recovered.

Japan Still Holds Claim.

Honolulu, May 9.—A letter received from the department of state by Charles L. Rhodes of this city, says the department has no knowledge of the reported withdrawal by Japan of her claims to Marcus island. Representatives of the Marcus island guano company here and in Washington stated some time ago that Japan had made such a withdrawal, and had also agreed to pay reasonable indemnity for having prevented the expedition sent out by the company from making examination of the island.

France-British Agreement.

Paris, May 9.—Baron D'Estournelles de Constant the French deputy who was delegate of France to The Hague peace conference, today gave the correspondent of the Associated Press a statement regarding the political meaning of King Edward's visit to Paris and the advancing world movement in favor of arbitration. The baron says it will eventually result in a Franco-British agreement for arbitration, and declares the United States is entitled to the credit for initiating the world movement.

London No Longer "Knocks" Yerkes.

New York, May 9.—Charles T. Yerkes, who arrived on the Kronprinz Wilhelm yesterday, is on a rush trip to California. Within four weeks he will be back to take up his work in London. "All the knocking has stopped," said Mr. Yerkes. "London is becoming used to the tramway upheaval incidentally to the laying of the tubes, and her citizens are taking things as a matter of course. Work is progressing smoothly."

Leper Recaptured in Laundry.

St. Louis, May 9.—Dong Gong, the Chinese leper who escaped Monday from the isolation cottage at quarantine, was recaptured today, and will be returned to the quarantine quarters occupied by him for more than a year. He was found in a Chinese laundry, many customers of which burned their linen when they learned of the capture.

TROUBLE CERTAIN

RUSSIA MOVES TROOPS BACK INTO MANCHURIA.

United States Will Now Take a Hand in the Affair—Partial Evacuation by the Czar's Troops Now Expected to Have Been Nothing But a Blind—China Is Getting Uneasy.

Peking, May 11.—Along with the report of the reconquest of Manchuria by Russia comes the news from Niu Chwang that on their return there the Russian troops brought several large guns with them. A large force has been ordered to occupy Tiao Tshwan Tai. The Russians have 14,000 troops between the mouth of the Liao river and Port Arthur. The Russians are reported to be concentrating forces on the hill near Liao Lung, commanding the road between there and the Yalu river, and they have arranged to have a large quantity of provisions delivered at Niu Chwang.

This coup raised profound surprise here, as recent developments had led to the expectation that Russia would compromise her demands, since they had been revealed to the powers. This latest maneuver is viewed as a refusal of Russia to yield to the protests of the powers and as a declaration that she is ready to fight in order to maintain possession of Manchuria.

It is considered significant that the Russian army has occupied strategic points about the time the Russian naval reinforcements were mobilized in the gulf of Pe Chi Li. The temporary withdrawal of the Russian troops from Niu Chwang is believed to have been a feint to avert suspicion from the contemplated policy until the Russian squadron was within useful distance.

It has been reported recently that Russia was accumulating great stores of provisions and war materials. It is impossible to confirm the reports, but it is known the Russian military authorities have been buying many horses, and all the information indicates that Russia is preparing to increase and not decrease her forces in Manchuria.

The foreign ministers here discussed information to the effect that the Russians had taken a large tract of land across the river from Niu Chwang, commanding the terminus of the Chan Hai Kwan railroad. It is stated that Russia informed the Chinese officials that the tract was needed for a Russian drill ground. The selection of the site seemed remarkable, because all the troops were then quartered on the opposite side of the river, several miles distant, where plenty of land was available.

The Chinese officials describe the dowager empress as being greatly distressed and as fearing that the Russian aggression will excite anti-foreign demonstrations, resulting in the introduction of more foreign troops.

Nowhere has a suggestion been heard that China will resort to arms in order to resist Russia. Prince Ching, the grand secretary, has secured five days' leave of absence. This is a favorite stratagem of Chinese officials who are desirous of averting unpleasant situations.

It is stated here that Russian influence is being exerted to conciliate American opinion, and that appeals are being made to the traditional friendship of the two nations, with the argument that Russian development of Manchuria will open a great field for American commerce, while the opposition of the United States to Russia's plans might provoke retaliation against American trade. The Russians have established a consulate at Moukden.

Asks Lawmakers to Act.

Madison, Wis., May 11.—Governor La Follette today sent another message to the legislature on the subject of freight rates. The message results from revelations in connection with the opening of coal bids. The dealers inserted bids making the prices subject to freight rates. Such reservation was never before made, and the governor says it proves conclusively that the railroad companies instructed the shippers to make contracts subject to increased rates. He says the necessity for legislative action is imperative.

Saltine Cut-Off Now Certain.

Salt Lake City, May 11.—The Deseret News says: "One of the results of the visit to Salt Lake of General Manager Russell Harding, Manager Edson and Engineer Yard, is the order that has been issued to commence work on the Saltine cut-off and the other projected improvements on the main line. With this object in view orders have been placed with labor bureaus at Pueblo, Ogden and towns along the main line in Utah asking for men for immediate work on the long talked-of Saltine cut-off."

Building Falls Down.

Denver, May 11.—The building at 1510 to 1514 Larimer street, occupied by Michaelson Bros' clothing store, with a rooming house on the second floor, collapsed a few minutes before 6 o'clock tonight. Several persons were injured, but so far as known nobody was killed. The loss on the building, which was the property of H. W. Wiener, is not large, as it was an old and cheap structure. The Michaelsons estimate their damage at \$40,000.

Peanut Trust Formed.

Cincinnati, May 11.—The Confectioners' Review today says the Michigan underwriting company, of Detroit, has completed a combine of the peanut industry, that the American Edible Nut company will soon be incorporated in New Jersey, with \$1,250,000 of preferred stock and \$2,750,000 of common stock, and that it will absorb the 18 plants near Norfolk, Va., where the general offices will be located. The yearly output within 80 miles of Norfolk is 5,000,000 bushels.

NEW WAR POLICY

GREAT BRITAIN PROCLAIMS MONROE DOCTRINE OF HER OWN.

Coast of the Persian Gulf the Basis of—Encroachment by Any Foreign Power Will Be Resisted—Protection of Sea Route to India Necessary to Predominance of British Interests.

London, May 8.—Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has proclaimed a British Monroe doctrine in the Persian Gulf, and has practically notified the competing powers that any attempt on their part to establish a navy base or fortified post in those waters means war with Great Britain.

"I say without hesitation," said the foreign secretary, dealing with the subject in the house of lords, "that we should regard the establishment of a naval base or a fortified port in the Persian Gulf by any other power as a very grave menace to British interests, and we should certainly resist it with all the means at our disposal."

Lord Lansdowne disclosed this explicit announcement of British policy by a review of the situation there, as it affected British interests, contending that so far as the navigation of the Persian Gulf was concerned Great Britain held a position different from that of other powers, both because it was owing to British enterprise and expenditure of life and money that the gulf was now open to the commerce of the world, and because the protection of