

# CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

## Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

### General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Colonel Roosevelt has finished his Western tour.

Roosevelt compliments Pittsburg for putting the "higher-ups" in jail.

The total attendance at the Livestock show in Portland was 46,000.

Mrs. Seligman, wife of a prominent New York merchant, will sing in grand opera.

Admiral Eavns, endorses San Francisco as the place for the Panama exposition of 1915.

Nine men were killed by falling rock in an open cut which the Erie railroad is making at Jersey City, N. J.

The Eucharist congress which has just adjourned at Montreal chose Vienna as its next meeting place.

A prominent St. Louis man, a descendant of a wealthy family, will write a book exposing St. Louis society.

Lorimer has resigned his membership in the Hamilton club, of Chicago, and a great loss of membership is scheduled to follow.

Gold bars to the value of \$57,500 disappeared in transit from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Seattle, and lead bars were found in their place.

The mother of Alfonso, of Spain, threatens to abandon the country permanently, on account of the tactics of Premier Canalejas in the religious controversy.

Oscar Hammerstein will build the world's finest opera house in London.

Pope Pius X takes extra precautions against the growth of modernism in the church.

The servants of the shah's palace at Teheran, Persia, have gone on a strike for wages due.

An American diplomat declares this country may be forced to occupy or annex the Panama canal country.

A Jap at Chehalis, Wash., paid a fine of \$525 to avoid going to the penitentiary for an attempted burglary.

Three men are known to be killed, several injured and many missing as the result of an oil explosion on the battleship North Dakota.

An Alaskan miner was overtaken and devoured by wolves. Another man was pursued by them for two weeks, but finally reached a settlement.

The Texas legislature has instructed its congressmen to work for the repeal of the Fourteenth amendment, which confers the right of franchise upon negroes.

Escaped convicts from a road camp near Lyle, Wash., set fire to the timber to prevent pursuit by bloodhounds, and serious forest fires have started as a result.

The county treasurer at Tacoma, Wash., is selling \$155,528 worth of delinquent tax certificates against the property of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company.

Investigation shows that graft money was paid to New York legislators through brokers, who gave the recipients generous opportunities to speculate.

Roosevelt refused to sit at the table with Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, at a banquet at Chicago. Lorimer is accused and practically convicted of extensive bribing in the state legislature. Roosevelt also thoroughly grilled the legislature in a speech before the Hamilton club.

The International Harvester company has been declared a trust by the Missouri courts.

It is believed Secretary Ballinger will be vindicated by the conservation investigating committee.

Governor Crothers, of Maryland, promises some startling disclosures in connection with the cocaine business in Baltimore.

A brilliant meteor passed over Northwestern Oregon Sunday, and reports are that pieces of it were picked up near Woodburn.

California legislators cheered at the reading of a constitutional amendment to allow the state to raise money for the San Francisco fair.

A lone robber shot a flagman and then robbed the passengers in a Pullman car while the train was passing through the yards in St. Louis.

Two men were drowned in the St. Lawrence river by the overturning of their motor boat, while their wives stood helpless on shore but a few feet away.

The Catholic bishop of Detroit, Mich., protests against the reading of the bible in the public schools, claiming that only churches have a right to teach religion.

Louis Sherry and John B. Martin, leading restaurant men of New York, and also Martin's wife, were arrested for smuggling valuable wearing apparel at New York.

Mayor Gaynor took a six-mile walk and was not the least injured by it.

The Portland Fair and Livestock show opened with an attendance of 11,000.

Portland's Labor Day parade had 3,250 people in line and reached 32 blocks.

It is said Mayor Gaynor would accept the candidacy for governor of New York.

A Brazilian steamer collided with a schooner at sea, and was badly damaged. The schooner disappeared in the fog and has not been heard from.

# HILL TO TAP COAST.

Road Will Be Pushed Through to Los Angeles, Is Rumor.

Los Angeles—Well-informed railroad men believe that all intents and purposes James J. Hill has, or is about to force a way through to this Coast for his trains.

Hill has for some time controlled a line to Benson, Ariz., within 50 miles of this city. He is master of the Burlington, reaching with its main line to Denver, and the Colorado & Southern from Denver to Fort Worth.

Handing the reins of the latter line to Hill was one of the biggest mistakes ever made by the late E. H. Harriman, because at Dallas the Colorado & Southern crosses the Rock Island, which operates over the Phelps-Dodge road, the El Paso Southwestern, to El Paso, whence trains come over the Southern Pacific. The Phelps-Dodge line continues, however, to Benson, and its owners have arranged to build to Phoenix.

These interests are at war with the Southern Pacific, and it is understood they have a track-right arrangement with the Santa Fe, which will be highly advantageous to the latter when the new link is built.

There is every reason to expect, authorities declare, from that connection Hill, through his Phelps-Dodge influence, will operate to this coast over the Santa Fe via the Parker cutoff.

# MAN EATS GRASS TO LIVE.

Alaskan Prospector Saved From Starvation on Yukon Island.

Seattle—A special dispatch from Fairbanks, Alaska, says that one of the deckhands of the steamer Monarch has an acute appreciation of what it means to be stranded on a desert isle.

On the last trip of the Monarch down the Tanana river, some one noticed that a flag was being waved from a little island in the river. Captain Blair stopped his boat and sent back to investigate. There he found an unfortunate man who had been wrecked on the island, lost all of his outfit and was reduced to the necessity of eating grass.

As the man had been three days without food, he was weak, but he accepted a job as a deckhand on the Monarch, where good meals revived him.

# PETRIFIED FISH ARE FOUND.

California Miners Discover Two Prehistoric Monsters of the Sea.

San Andreas, Cal.—Word was brought here from Railroad Flat that in the tunnel of the Bouvoir mine, near the Calaveras river, 15 miles East of Mokelumne Hill, two immense petrified fish were found a few days ago, one 37 feet long and the other 15.

The longest one was lengthwise of the tunnel and the miners had blasted into it some distance before they determined what it was. Then it was too late to preserve it, large portions having been blown to pieces. The other one was crosswise and the tunnel was put through it.

The fish were imbedded in cement gravel, and had no doubt been there many centuries, since gravel filled what must have been in the remote past an immense inland sea.

# CLARA MORRIS IN PLIGHT.

Aged Actress, Destitute, May Lose Her Home.

New York—Blind, feeble from illness, deserted by those whose friend she was when they were needy, Clara Morris, 20 years ago the idol of applauding audiences, will be turned from under her roof unless \$20,000 can be raised to lift the mortgage on her home on Riverdale avenue. Headed by a man who had never seen Clara Morris off the stage, a company known as the Clara Morris Holding company, has been organized to save her house for her and has raised \$15,000 towards lifting the mortgage of \$30,000 on the home of the once famous tragedienne. But unless the remaining \$15,000, together with an additional \$5,000 to meet interest, taxes and assessments for some years to come is secured, Clara Morris may be thrown on charity for support.

# Many Preachers to Quit.

Charles City, Ia.—When the Upper Iowa Methodist conference convenes in Charles City next week, it will find itself face to face with a decided shortage in the number of preachers necessary for the district, and 57 charges in the conference will have to be filled from a source not known at present. Fifty-seven men, the greater part of them in the prime of life, a number of them only a few years out of the university and seminary, will quit the ministry at this time and take up secular work.

# Babe Is Born With Teeth.

Tacoma, Wash.—Born with teeth, like Richard III, of England, was the little daughter of Mrs. W. A. Miller, of Mineral, Wash. The child was born at the home of Mrs. Fred Carrol, a sister of Mrs. Miller, at 401 East G street. The baby weighed eight pounds and on the lower jaw were two fully developed incisors. Physicians regard the fact that the teeth are fully developed at such an early age as a remarkable point which are mistaken for teeth appear, but fully developed teeth in a newly-born infant are extremely rare.

# Expense Exceeds Salary.

Atlanta, Ga.—For the Democratic nomination for governor of Georgia, Hoke Smith, successful candidate in the recent primary election, paid \$17,596.10, according to an itemized account filed by him with the comptroller of the state. Of this amount friends contributed to his campaign fund \$7,977.47. Governor Joseph M. Brown spent \$3,950.75. The office of governor pays a salary of \$3,000 annually.

# Will Dredge Locks.

Work of dredging out the upper entrance to the Cascade Locks will be started tomorrow by the United States engineers, and the small "orange peel" dredge used for that purpose is now ready to begin operations. High water during the winter and spring freshets deposits a large amount of silt in the entrance to the locks and it is necessary for the engineers to put a dredge in there every summer.

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

## ATTRACTIONS FOR ROUND-UP.

Number of Cheyenne Features to Be Brought to Pendleton.

Pendleton—That thousands of people who are not able to attend the first annual round-up will still be able to see what a wild west show is like was assured when the Tournament Film Company, the largest moving picture company doing business in America, applied for and was granted the exclusive moving picture concession for the round-up in that city. The contract has just been signed by Mark Moorhouse, son of Major Lee Moorhouse, of Indian fame, representing the frontier exhibition association, and H. E. Smith, president and general manager of the film company.

Moorhouse returned recently from Cheyenne, where he had been to line up some of the leading attractions for the local show, and he carried, as a result, in his pocket a contract which insures the appearance at the round-up of Buffalo Vernon, the man who catches and throws a vicious steer with his hands and holds him down with his teeth. Vernon is the only man in the world who ever wrestled barehanded with a bull, the feat having been performed in old Mexico not many months ago. He still bears the scars of that encounter.

"Steamboat" and "Theodore Roosevelt," the two greatest bucking horses the world has ever seen, will also probably be brought to Pendleton as a result of Moorhouse's visit. Clayton Danks, last year's champion rider, and Sam Scoville, this year's champion, assured Moorhouse of their willingness to come and bring these two animals. For years "Steamboat" has been considered the hardest bucking ever produced by a western range, but in the opinion of the Pendleton man "Theodore Roosevelt" is his superior.

Goldie St. Clair, the champion woman broncho buster, also signified a desire to attend the round-up, and it is more than probable that she will be one of the attractions which the management will have to offer.

## MANY EGGS SAVED.

Fish Warden Clanton Reports on Work of Hatcheries.

Salem—Master Fish Warden Clanton in his report this month gives a complete statement of hatchery work throughout the state. He calls attention to the fact that the fall closed season went into effect on the Columbia river August 25 and says no attempts have so far been made to violate the law.

Four deputy wardens patrol the river constantly in launches, but the attitude of most of the fishermen, according to Mr. Clanton, seems to be to uphold the law and allow the salmon to pass up the rivers to the hatcheries and natural spawning grounds.

At the Bonneville hatchery, work on the retaining ponds, funds for which were subscribed by the cannerymen and packers along the Columbia river, is progressing rapidly. The hatchery building, troughs and baskets have also been thoroughly overhauled.

At the McKenzie river hatchery, the egg-taking season is at its height, and 339,000 Chinook eggs have been secured. Although the prospects for a large take are not as encouraging as they were last season, owing to the low stage of water, Mr. Clanton says he is confident that it will compare favorably with that of former years when the last salmon has been spawned.

The Wallowa river hatchery, like the McKenzie, is feeling the effects of the long dry spell.

The hatchery work of the Salmon river station has been interfered with somewhat by forest fires, but no damage has been done to the state's property. Superintendent Holcomb reports that 250,190 early Chinook eggs have been taken there. Improvements have been made to the hatchery on the Trask and repairs have been made to the permanent trap and rack at the Yaquina hatchery, which was washed away in freshets last year. The Alsea river hatchery station is merely an experimental station and is located about two miles above the head of tide on Bear creek. Everett E. Cook has been placed in charge as superintendent.

## DREDGE NEARLY READY.

Dipper Dredge No. 1 to Begin Operations on Clatskanie Next Week.

Portland—By the end of this week it is expected that repairs to Dipper Dredge No. 1, belonging to the United States engineering department, will be completed, and she will be ready to begin operations either on the Clatskanie river or on the Lewis river. The dredge has been at the government moorings for several weeks, undergoing repairs preparatory to taking up the work of improvements on several of the tributaries of the Columbia. She has had a new boom, buckets and new spuds installed, and her engines have been overhauled. She will be sent out as soon as the repairs are completed.

It has not been decided whether she will proceed first to the Lewis river or to the Clatskanie, but it is thought probable that she will work in the channel of the latter river first. This year's appropriation for the work on that river amounts to \$250,000, and the dredge has about six weeks' work ahead of her there, as she will work on the channel from the town of Clatskanie to the drawbridge of the A. & C. railway, a distance of about a mile. She will remove about 20,000 cubic yards of material from the channel. The work ahead of her for the Lewis river was \$250,000 for maintenance.

No work will be done this year on the Cowlitz river, as both the engineers and the people of Kelso are of the opinion that it will be better to await the next appropriation, which, added to the present one, will allow better work to be done in the way of improving the channel.

## INDIANS TO IMPROVE CATTLE.

Government Makes Second Shipment of Thoroughbred Stock.

Klamath Falls—Indian Agent Weston is here, with East-End of fine pure-blood Hereford and Shorthorn bulls, which are to be issued to the Klamath by the government.

The cattle were purchased in Nebraska and shipped from South Omaha, and are to be distributed over the Klamath Indian reserve by Agent Watson, where they are most needed by the Indians in raising the standard of their stock. These bulls will be issued free to the Indians, but they cannot dispose of them.

This is the second consignment of fine blooded cattle issued to the Indians here by Uncle Sam. Two years ago 4000 head of young heifers were issued these Indians, and with these the breed of cattle here has been considerably raised from what they were previously. With the addition of the new bunch of males it is the intention of the government to have the cattle on this reserve equal that of any of the better class of cattle raised by the whites.

## New School Building.

Grants Pass—The Merlin district is constructing a four room school building to cost \$10,000, to meet the needs of its greater population. Bonds have been voted by the taxpayers for the district to provide money for the improvement. Wolf Creek will build a less expensive though a very modern and substantial building, for which bonds to the amount of \$5000 have been voted. The building will probably be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the spring term.

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## CONCRETE BRIBER CLEARED.

Chicago—Attorney Lee O'Neil Browne, of Ottawa, Ill., legislative minority leader, charged with bribery in connection with the election of William Lorimer, of Chicago, to the United States senate, was acquitted by a jury in Judge Kersten's division of the criminal court. The jury, which took eight ballots, was out 21 hours. On the first ballot the jury stood eight to four for acquittal. The final juror standing out for conviction was won over to sign the verdict of acquittal at 2:25 in the afternoon.

The verdict was returned in open court a few minutes before 3 o'clock. Immediately the courtroom was in an uproar. It was ten minutes before bailiffs stopped the cheering.

## "Hush" Fund Discovered.

New York—The charge that thousands of dollars had been deposited to his credit by representatives of street-railway interests was made before the investigation committee of the legislature against ex-Senator Goodsell, of Orange county. Extracts from the books of the brokerage firm of Ellingwood & Cunningham showed that in less than five years \$24,800 was placed to the credit of the ex-senator and that at least \$13,300 of this amount had been furnished by officials of street railway companies.

## Aviator Has Bad Smash.

Boston—In the Harvard-Boston aeromeet here, Claude Graham-White, of England, ended an hour's flight by landing sideways in his Farman biplane, crumpling up the right side of the lower plane and damaging the chassis. White was unhurt. In the duration flight Ralph Johnstone, in a Wright biplane, was eventually compelled to come down on account of trouble with his motor. White exceeded Johnstone's duration mark by nearly four minutes. White had also taken the honors in distance.

## New Policy is Adopted.

Washington—Railroad companies, particularly those in the far West, will be prevented from securing lands to which they have no right by a new policy inaugurated by Commissioner Dennett, of the general land office. This policy consists in having a mineral expert accompany parties engaged in surveying lands within the limits of railroad grants to determine whether the lands contain minerals. If they do the railroads have no title to them.

## Honor Given to Stork.

Tulsa, Oklahoma—Official recognition of the anti-race suicide tendency of the people of Tulsa county, where the birth rate since statehood was established has overwhelmingly exceeded the death rate, was taken when the county commissioners adopted the stork as the emblematic bird of the county. A heroic statue of the Rooseveltian bird will adorn the facade of the new courthouse, which is to be built at once.

## Balloon Goes 265 Miles.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 10.—Word was received by telephone tonight from E. S. Cole that he and H. E. Honeywell, who went up in a balloon here at dark last night, landed at 10 a. m. today ten miles north of Panther, Oklahoma. The distance from here to Panther is 265 miles. The trip was made at the rate of a fraction more than 18 miles an hour.

# CAR FERRY SINKS; 30 PERSONS PERISH

Ludington, Mich., Sept. 10.—Thirty lives were lost today when Pere Marquette ferry No. 18, bound from Ludington to Milwaukee, went to the bottom of Lake Michigan. The dead include Captain Peter Kilty, of Ludington; S. F. Sezapanek, of Chicago, purser and wireless operator, whose signals of distress brought assistance to the sinking steamer, and two members of the crew of car ferry No. 17, who lost their lives in an effort to rescue the crew of No. 18.

Ely Colban, of Saginaw, Mich., a member of the crew of No. 18, would make the 31st victim, but it is believed he was not on board when No. 18 foundered.

The steamship company issued a list of 45 names of survivors of the wreck, all members of the crew, most of whom were brought here tonight on Pere Marquette No. 17. Eight bodies were recovered.

Today's disaster is one of the worst in the history of navigation on Lake Michigan. The car ferry Pere Marquette No. 18 was the flagship of a fleet of six steel car ferries owned and operated by the Pere Marquette Railroad company.

The boat was valued at \$400,000, and the cargo, which included 29 loaded cars, at \$100,000 to \$150,000. The total loss will exceed \$500,000, which is fully covered by insurance in Lloyd's of England.

"Ferry No. 18 sinking. Help!" was the wireless message that brought the first news of the disaster to this city about 5 o'clock this morning. The flash was repeated continually for nearly an hour, but was unsigned.

The cause of the disaster is a mystery. Among the survivors the conclusion seems to be that the car ferry's after water compartment filled through an open or broken deadlight, which was followed at the last minute by a bursting of bulkheads.

Leaving Ludington at 11:30 o'clock last night with a fair, but stiff, wind, and carrying 29 loaded cars, the ferry made good weather for five hours on its course to Milwaukee.

At 4:30 o'clock word was sent to Captain Kilty that his boat was rapidly making water aft and that the pumps were unable to keep even with the inflow. Kilty headed his ship with all speed toward Sheboygan on the Wisconsin shore, and as the water gained the cars were dropped off the stern of the ferry to lighten her, but this gave the vessel only slight and temporary relief. At 7:30 a. m. the boat's buoyancy could no longer sustain it, and she plunged beneath the water.

## WALLOWA FIRES UNDER CONTROL.

Wallowa—The many destructive forest fires that have raged on the national forest are now under control. The slight showers of the past week have dampened the dry grass and leaves and checked the spread of the fires. The troops that were at the head of the Imnaha have returned to Halfway, the troops at Medical Springs will remain several days. Supervisor Harris, who has been at the Minam fires, will return soon. In all more than 600 men have been employed fighting fires on the Wallowa forest.

## More Delegates Appointed.

Salem—Acting Governor Bowerman has named the following additional delegates to the Farmers' National congress to be held at Lincoln, Nebraska, commencing October 6: C. T. Losey, Ironside; H. J. Ward, Vale; Arthur S. King, Ontario; Sid Knight, Sheville; J. H. Seward, Ontario; J. M. Butler, Ontario; D. F. Murphy, Beulah; William Jones, Juntura; Arthur A. Derrick, Brogan; A. E. Wade, Owyhee; John H. Vance, McDermit.

## Carnival for Hood River.

Hood River—The Hood River cornet band is planning to give a three days' street carnival in Hood River during the month of October. Arnold's shows, of Portland, will probably be engaged and a number of other attractions added.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices export basis: Bluestem, 93c; club, 86c; red Russian, 83c; valley, 90c; 40-fold, 88c; Turkey red, 86@90c.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$21.50@22.50 per ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$18@19 per ton; East-ern Oregon, \$20@21; alfalfa, new, \$14@15; grain hay, \$13@14.

Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$20 per ton; middlings, \$30; shorts, \$21@22; rolled barley, \$25@26.

Oats—New, \$28@28.50.

Eggs—Oregon current receipts, 30@31c; candled, 32c.

Butter—City creamery, solid pack, 35@36c per pound; prints, 37c; butter fat 36c; country store butter, 24@25c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 17@18c per pound; Young America, 16@19c.

Poultry—Hens, 16@16½c; springs, 16@16½c; ducks, white, 16@17c; geese, 23@25c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 21@25c; squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 13c per pound.

Veal—Good, up to 140 pounds, 11c per pound.

Green Fruits—Apples, new, 50c@1.25 per box; plums, 40@75c; pears, 75c@1.25; peaches, boxes, 30@50c; lugs, \$1.10@1.25; grapes, 50c@1 per box, 20@25c per basket; watermelons, \$1@1.25 per hundred; canteloupes, \$1.05@2 per crate.

Vegetables—Beans, 3@5c per pound; cabbage, 2½c; cauliflower, \$1.50 per dozen; celery, 90c; corn, 12@15c; cucumbers, 25@40c per box; eggplant, 6c per pound; garlic, 8@10c per pound; green onions, 15c per dozen; peppers, 6c per pound; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; squash, 40c per crate; tomatoes, 30@60c per box; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.25; turnips, \$1.

Potatoes—New, \$1.25@1.50 per hundred.

Onions—New, \$1.75 per sack.

Livestock—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5@5.50; fair to medium, \$4@4.50; cows and heifers, good to choice, \$3.75@4.75; fair to medium, \$3.25@3.50; bulls, \$3.50@4; stags, good to choice, \$4@4.25; calves, light \$6@6.75; heavy, \$3.75@5; hogs, top, \$10@10.40; fair to medium, \$9.25@9.75; sheep, best Mt. Adams wethers, \$4@4.15; best valley wethers, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good wethers, \$3@3.25; best valley ewes, \$3@3.50; lamba, choice Mt. Adams, \$5.25@5.50; choice valley lambs \$5@5.25.

# NATIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

## ENGINEERS WILL BUILD.

Canal Builders Will Also Erect Fortifications at Panama.

Washington—The construction of the fortifications along the Panama canal is to be done by the same engineering organization which is building the canal itself. Such a decision has been reached by President Taft, Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, and other officials interested. In commenting on the decision, General Wood said it was desired to avoid duplicate organizations of engineers in the same territory.

A reduction of several millions of dollars in the total estimates for appropriations for the military establishments, including rivers and harbors expenditures, as compared with the estimates of last year, has been determined by the War department. Major General Wood laid the final draft of the estimate before President Taft at Beverly last week. General Wood said that the president had approved of the estimates, with a few changes, and that they were now ready for submission to congress through the secretary of the treasury. One feature of the estimates calls for the construction of permanent buildings in the Philippines for the use of the army, rather than temporary structures, such as have been the rule.

## SEEKS RATE CASE IDEAS.

Commissioner Prouty to Hear Criticism at Spokane.

Washington, D. C.—All parties having criticisms or suggestions to offer with reference to the tentative decision of the Interstate Commerce commission in the Spokane rate case and the Portland-Puget Sound haul case will have full opportunity to be heard before Commissioner Prouty. Beginning September 13, Commissioner Prouty will conduct hearings open to shippers, railroad officials, commercial organizations and anyone else interested in these two big rate cases and hearings will be continued until all who desire have been heard pro and con. It may require a week or more to dispose of these hearings. Commissioner Prouty says it is his purpose to collect all new evidence, protests and complaints relative to these two decisions, so that when the commission takes up these cases next winter for final decision it will have a full and complete record before it and will understand the attitude of all interested parties.

## FATHEAD LANDS OFFERED.

Government Will Give Opportunity to Take Left Over Claims.

Kalispell Mont.—Offices are being established by the reservation land locators and the holders of numbers first drawn have already put in their appearance here to be ready for the opening to special entry of the last of the Flathead Indian reservation lands. The earliest arrivals have been frequenting the land office and asking information, but their number is not large. Government officials do not expect a large proportion of those who have chances to appear. Of the first 3,000 names called in June, only about 10 per cent came, and not all of them accepted claims. Those familiar with the reservation persevere in their assertions that a great area of land as desirable as any that has been taken still remains to be had.

## Fire-Fighters Receive Aid.

Washington—Brave firefighters who risked death and suffered injuries in protecting life and property in the Northwest, and whose small wages from the fight stopped when they became incapacitated in line of duty, will receive funds for their immediate needs through the sympathy of employees in the forest service here, who, from directors to messengers, almost to a man, contributed to give temporary relief at least.

District Forester J. B. Greeley, at Missoula, Mont., replying to a message said: "Can use \$150 in relief of injured rangers and temporary employes and in sending bodies of men killed to relatives."

Between \$150 and \$200 was telegraphed to Mr. Greeley.

## More Coal Briquettes.

Washington, D. C.—Coal briquetting is slowly increasing in the United States. The production in 1909, according to a compilation by E. W. Parker, of the geological survey, reached 139,661 short tons, valued at \$452,497. The output in 1908 was 90,358 tons, worth \$328,057 and in 1907 66,524 tons, worth \$258,426. The survey has an experimental briquetting plant at Pittsburg. The German press used turns out 2½ to 3 tons an hour.

## Englishmen Taking Notice.

London—Theodore Roosevelt's recent suggestion in a speech that the Panama canal should be fortified has caused almost as much comment here as his Guildhall utterance. It is believed that in diplomatic circles an effort will be made to prevent the erection of any fortifications. "In the event of a general disagreement on the question of neutrality," the Times suggests, "there can be no doubt that America would welcome the submission of the question to an international court of arbitration."

## Test Eastern and Western Coal.

Washington—With a view to testing Western coal in comparison with the Eastern article, the armored cruisers Maryland and West Virginia, now at Mare Island, have been ordered to re-coal. One vessel will be provided with Western coal and the other with Eastern. Should the Western coal prove good, a mine for naval use will be sought.

## COTTON CROP COMES LATE.

Falling Off in Ginners' Reports is Not Regarded as Serious.

Washington—The number of bales of cotton ginned to September 1, from the growth of 1910 was 356,824 bales, around bales counted as half bales, according to the report of the census bureau just made public. The 1909 total was 388,242 bales, the 1908, 402,229 bales and the 1907, 200,282.

Statisticians of the census bureau do not consider the falling off in the figures of the first ginning report to Eastern states as significant as they might appear. They attribute the decrease to the lateness of the crop rather than to any cause which in the end would affect its volume. Without having any other definite information, they expect a material improvement in the future reports. The season has been unusually good in Texas, which fact accounts for the prospective larger crop there.

Purchases of Egyptian cotton by American manufacturers for the first half of the present year were only about half the amount taken during the corresponding period last year. The figures of the foreign trade of Egypt, just received from Consul D. R. Birch, of Alexandria, show that the cotton exported to the United States aggregated only \$2,945,012, as compared with \$7,208,732 for the same period of 1909. The other important items of exports to this country all showed substantial increases.

## TALK EXCITES PANAMA.

Charge d'Affaires Replies to Anti-American Element.

Panama—In an interview Richard O. Marsh, charge d'affaires of the American legation at Panama, intimated that if the Panamanian government should ignore the wishes of Washington, the United States would be compelled to occupy or annex the Republic of Panama.

Mr. Marsh's statement was made as a consequence of the evident intention of the American government, with a majority in the assembly to elect as the next vice-president, to fill the unexpired term of the late President Obaldia, an anti-American citizen. The assembly was recently occupied with a very heated discussion of the matter.

Mr. Marsh made this statement: "In view of all that the American government has done for Panama and its great interest present and future on the government should resistently refuse to accede to the clear wishes of the American government, that government can only adopt such means as occupation and annexation."

The foregoing has stirred up something of a sensation.

## Question May Be Reopened.

Washington—A substantial victory for Great Britain in perhaps the two most important points, a consolatory triumph for the United States in the other five points, with a prospect of another arbitration later at the instance of the United States government, is the way the decision of the Hague tribunal in the Newfoundland fishery case is viewed here.

The decision eliminated the right of the United States to share in the making and enforcement of "reasonable regulations" governing the fisheries in the disputed territory, and it is that qualification "reasonable" that may permit this government to reopen the question.

## State Census Bulletins Soon.

Washington—Census Director Durand announced that the census bureau will begin about January next the issuance from time to time of a series of bulletins, each giving certain population statistics for a single state and its subdivisions. The form of these bulletins, which will later be bound up to constitute regular census volumes, marks a very distinct departure from the method of publishing census statistics ten years ago. It is one step in the carrying out of Director Durand's aim to simplify and make more accessible the census data, so that they can readily be used, not merely by expert students and statisticians, but by the average citizen.

## Permanent Road to Ilditard.

Valdez, Alaska—A permanent road will be built by the government from Valdez to Ilditard, according to Major W. P. Richardson, U. S. A., who is here from home on an inspection tour. The commissioner denies the report that the Valdez-Fairbanks trail will be abandoned as the result of the completion of the Copper River railroad. During the summer the government has extended the trail from Fairbanks to a junction with the railroad, and will operate daily trains giving a new entrance to the Tanana gold fields.

## Navy Man's Talk Costly.

Washington—Because First Lieutenant William L. Burchfield, of the Marine Corps, furnished a revolver and used threatening language to Patrolman H. K. Kaha, and several others at Honolulu, has been disciplined by the Navy department. "You know where my dog is; if you don't bring my dog back I'll shoot you," is the threat Burchfield is said to have made in pointing his revolver at the policeman.

## Lakes-to-Gulf Plan Aided.

Washington—The initial step toward the co-operation with the state of Illinois in the lake-to-the-gulf waterway project has been taken. The War department has announced the appointment of a board of distinguished engineers to pass upon the proposed esplanade of navigation from Lockport, Ill., to the mouth of the Illinois river.

## Order Given to Kill Talk.

Washington—Instructions promptly and quickly to repudiate the interview he is alleged to have given at Panama, were cable to Richard O. Marsh, the American charge d'affaires, by Acting Secretary of State Wilson.

## Portland Bank Would Be Repository.

Washington—The Security Savings & Trust company, of Portland, has applied for postal savings bank funds.