

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.

Maine has repealed its prohibition law.

Twenty-two indictments have been returned in the Los Angeles Times dynamiting case.

Senator Bourne advises Arizona to adopt her proposed constitution regardless of Taft's objections.

A New York baker fell asleep at his work and fell into a power dough mixer and was chopped to pieces.

A California legislator will endeavor to put through a bill prohibiting aliens from owning land in that state.

New York business men will establish a commercial court, in which all business disputes will be settled voluntarily.

John Sullivan, ex-police chief of Spokane, was shot by an assassin, who fired through the window of Sullivan's home.

A 5-year-old boy in Danville, Ky., has confessed that he shot his grandmother accidentally, and then ran away to escape a whipping.

From the report of army engineers it is apparent that Oregon did not get anywhere near her just share of the reclamation funds.

Representative Murdock, of Kansas, will endeavor to have a law made to prohibit express companies from carrying second, third or fourth-class mail matter.

The Nevada, California & Oregon railroad has ordered 3,000 tons of steel rails for the extension of its line to Oregon, Pendleton being the probable terminus.

An aviator's cap and goggles have been picked up off the coast of Belgium, and are believed to belong to Cecil Grace, who was lost in a fog while flying across the English channel, December 22.

William E. Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, has resigned.

The Supreme court upheld the bank guarantee laws of Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

A juvenile court official of Portland says picture shows and skating rinks are all right for young folks.

Seventeen persons were killed in a fire and panic at a religious New Year celebration near Mexico City.

Western railroads have cut freight rates in response to orders of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The government has lost its famous libel suit against the New York World in connection with the Panama canal.

Speaker Cannon has been killed a fortune of \$2,500,000 by the widow of a client whom he befriended while practicing law.

A blackmailer was caught in Seattle just as he reached for a decoy package, which had been placed where he had designated in a letter to his intended victim.

The battleship Oregon, now being overhauled at the Bremerton navy yards, will soon be turned out a better vessel than when she participated in the Spanish war.

A pitched battle was waged for several hours between London police and soldiers on one side, and a band of anarchists who were barricaded in a house. The house was finally set on fire and the anarchists perished in the flames.

A Portland detective brought in a prisoner, handcuffed to himself as a precaution, and found he had no key to unlock the handcuffs, and was obliged to tow his prisoner about town until he found a brother officer who had the right key.

Masons of San Francisco will build a million dollar temple.

The street car system of Everett, Wash., is tied up by strikers.

Central Montana points report a temperature of 38 below zero.

John W. Gates has given \$250,000 to a Methodist business college at Port Arthur, Tex.

A German balloon carrying four men is missing and is believed to have been lost in the Baltic sea.

An Alaska capitalist charges Pinchot and Roosevelt with blocking the development of Alaska.

Rockefeller has given the University of Vermont \$100,000 on condition that \$400,000 more be raised elsewhere, which has been done.

A Pennsylvania locomotive engineer had his skull fractured by striking a water pipe as he leaned out of the cab, but he ran his train 400 feet and brought it to a stop at the regular place before he fell unconscious.

Two masked robbers held up a Southern Pacific passenger train nine miles west of Odgen, killed a colored porter, injured two passengers, and got away with all the money and valuables of over a hundred passengers.

CARNEGIE GIVES \$1,250,000.

Hero Funds Now in United States, England, Germany and France.

Berlin — Announcement was made here that Andrew Carnegie has given \$1,250,000 for a Carnegie foundation for life savers in Germany.

The conditions and purposes of the endowment are similar to those of the "hero funds" previously established by the American financier and philanthropist in the United States, England, and France. The annual proceeds will be used for the benefit of those who have been injured in the performance of heroic acts, and, in the event of a hero's death, for the support of surviving dependents. A special provision is made for the education of the children of those who have sacrificed their lives.

Some time ago American Ambassador Hill, at the request of Mr. Carnegie, approached the emperor on the subject of whether such a gift would be acceptable. His majesty thoroughly approved of the project, and in an autograph letter to the donor expressed deep interest in the benefaction.

The necessary details were soon concluded and the fund placed in the hands of the emperor, who as its patron appointed a commission of 12 to administer the same.

The president of the commission is Rudolph von Valenti, chief of his majesty's civil cabinet, and his associates in connection with the American ambassador and representatives of the mining, railway, maritime and industrial interests of Germany and the medical profession.

The benefits of the fund began with the new year.

Germany now has provisions for the relief of civil servants who have suffered through heroism, and Mr. Carnegie's gift will make it possible to round out a general system of benefaction.

115 MORE MEN INDICTED.

Total of Ohio Voters Now 1,285. First Jail Sentences Enforced.

West Union, O.—The departing year was marked here by a grand jury report which returned 115 additional indictments against voters of Adams county, charging them with either bribery or acceptance of bribes in connection with the traffic in votes on November 8 last. The grand total of those indicted has reached 1,285.

Judge A. Z. Blair sent five Manchester men to jail for five months, fined them \$100 each and disfranchised them for five years. These are the first jail sentences actually executed, although a suspended sentence has been hung over every one of the guilty men in the wholesale bribery investigation.

Court opened at 5:30 o'clock, the county seat being filled with voters from the extreme eastern section, who had walked in, tramping all night to arrive early and make their pleas of guilty.

Bottom Out of False Hair Market.

London—Ladies with only moderate means desiring curls or switches, and gentlemen, whose pockets are rather light and whose hair is getting thin on the top may now obtain hair ornaments at greatly reduced prices. There is a glut in human hair, and the reason given is a political one, the annexation of Korea by the Japanese. It appears that since that event so many Koreans have cut off their "top-knots" that in one small town over ten new barber shops have been opened, and the price of human hair has fallen so much that the best quality can now be bought for a quarter an ounce, the price that used to be asked for the cheapest.

Mexicans Report Battle.

Mexico City—Twenty-seven killed, three missing and 28 wounded is the official report of casualties during the fighting at Mal Paso on December 28, when that strategic point of the revolutionists in the state of Chihuahua was taken by the Federals.

Of the dead, 13 were Federals and 14 revolutionists. The three unaccounted for were Federalists. Of the regulars 28 were wounded, including a lieutenant-colonel. The number of revolutionists injured is unknown, as they were carried away by their comrades.

Father in Rage Slays Son.

Goderich, Ont. — One of the most brutal murders in the history of the county occurred here when George Vanstone, in a fit of temper, because his 6-year-old son, Freddie, whom he had been teaching numbers, could not count correctly up to 20, beat the child to death with a broomstick. Mrs. Vanstone, after beseeching her enraged husband to stop, ran out for assistance, but she returned with the police the child was dead. Vanstone broke the handle of one broom and then used a second one.

Trouble Brews in Manchuria.

Vienna—Trouble is again becoming acute in Macedonia. Bands of Macedonian insurgents are active in the hills and are carrying on a particularly irritating system of guerilla warfare. Bomb throwing, railroad wrecks, murders and robbing are matters of almost daily occurrence. The Turks are pursuing a policy of extermination against the bandits, who are retaliating in kind, and a practical state of anarchy exists.

Bomb Wrecks Quaker City Store.

Philadelphia — Residents in the neighborhood of Thirteenth and Dickinson streets were greatly frightened by the terrific explosion of a bomb placed in front of the grocery store and home of Frank Angelluir. No one was injured, but the place was wrecked. Angelluir places the blame on a "black hand" gang of that locality.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

\$8,000,000 FRUIT CROP.

Oregon Raised Vast Quantity Apples, Pears, Peaches and Other Fruits.

Oregon's fruit crop for 1910 had a value of close to \$8,000,000, or almost double the amount of three years ago.

Growth of the fruit industry of the state, while wonderful up to this time, gives promise of still further increase during the next five years.

The acreage now planted—but not bearing—will within the space of a few years give the state a crop that will bring more than \$20,000,000 to the growers and shippers.

The greatest strides have been made in the production of apples and pears. These are the standard fruits, and naturally more growers go into those lines than in others. For instance, while the total fruit crop of Oregon was valued at close to \$8,000,000 the past season, the value of the apple crop alone was almost half of this, and with pears the aggregate was more than half of the state's total production of all other fruits.

Oregon has an apple crop this season that is worth \$3,500,000, as compared with \$1,423,800 for 1907. The total production of apples in the state this season was 3,500,000 boxes, and the average price received was a dollar a box. The apple crop of 1907 was a fraction over 1,000,000 boxes.

The great growth of the pear industry can readily be understood when the figures are given, which show that the state's total crop three years ago amounted to 247,760 boxes, of a value of \$286,600, while this season the growth reached a grand total of 1,000,000 boxes of a value of \$1.25. Even this great showing is scarcely representative of the enormous strides made by the pear industry within recent years, for since 1897 the planting has been the greatest in the history of the state, and these trees will not be bearing fruit for some years.

Peaches grow to perfection in Oregon. There are several districts wherein climatic conditions are almost ideal and the quality of the fruit is such that the product brings a premium of some extent over all other offerings. In the territory tributary to The Dalles the greatest growth of the peach industry of the state has been shown during recent years.

PROSPECT PLANT ON SOON.

Rogue River Electric Company Starts Work in Spring.

Medford—The Rogue River Electric company with headquarters at Medford, will start work on its new plant at Prospect early in the spring. H. C. Stoddard, secretary and consulting engineer, is in the East at present consulting with Colonel Frank Ray, the head of the company, concerning the purchase of machinery for the new dam and power plant on the Upper Rogue river. The plant at Prospect will be one of the finest and largest of its kind in the West. Hydraulic engineers estimate that over 75,000 horse-power can be taken from the waters of the Rogue river at Prospect. The voltage carried in the wires from this point to the cities in the valley will be 60,000 volts, whereas the present voltage is 20,000.

The plant at Gold Ray, ten miles from Medford, has been found inadequate to supply the needs of the cities and industries in the valley. The Rogue River Electric company lights all the cities and towns in the valley, which include Grants' Pass, Medford and Ashland.

COWS AND POULTRY PAY.

Farmer Nets \$605.50 in Year From 173 Hens; Butter Yields Big.

Oregon City—R. L. Badger, who lives on the Beaver Creek road, has illustrated what can be done with cows and poultry in the Willamette valley. He has 50 acres, with 23 acres in cultivation, and with 173 hens he has netted \$605.50, after paying for the feed of the poultry and allowing a cost of \$1 a hen. Mr. Badger has four cows, from which he clears \$60 a month, obtaining 36 pounds of butter a week, an average of nine pounds from each cow. His hens are a cross between Brown Leghorns and Buff Orpingtons, but he proposes later to have straight breeds. He has a heifer 7 months old for which he has refused \$150.

Linn County Hunting Licenses Many.

Albany—More than 500 more hunting licenses were issued in Linn county in 1910 than in any former year since the law requiring permits to hunt went into effect. The number issued here each year is as follows: 1905, 1,457; 1906, 1,369; 1907, 1,479; 1908, 1,508; 1909, 1,637; 1910, 2,152. The number of fishing licenses issued in this county in the year just closed was 1,385. A total of 899 was issued in 1909, the first year the law was in effect.

Cheese Production is 4,500,000.

Oregon's fame as a cheese state is nation wide. The production during 1910 reached a total of 4,500,000 pounds, of which the Tillamook country alone produced about 3,500,000. Coos Bay is another thriving section where cheese is manufactured, and the industry is growing there at a rapid rate. Oregon cheese is in demand all along the Pacific slope, and brings a premium wherever offered.

WOOL GROWERS MEET.

President Urges Sheepmen to Stand Together Against Enemies.

Portland — In delivering his annual address at the convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' association in this city, President George McKnight urged upon the members the necessity of stronger organization and more perfect co-operation. He pointed to many competing interests ever on the alert to take advantage of weakness in the ranks of the wool growers.

"I believe the men who have tamed the Wild West, and who have met and combated wild beasts, wild elements and still wilder environments," said the president, "have the remaining courage to safeguard what they have earned in such a life from evil-eyed designing politicians and cunning commission men. To do this we need to be able to throw, if necessary, a cent a pound on the 21,000,000 pounds of wool we produce in this state annually to its protection, and if necessary, go into politics, too. I have individually done both in the past, and I will do it again."

Contractors Appropriate Roads.

Salem — Adam Ritchey, of Natron, has filed a complaint with the railroad commission alleging that builders of the new Natron branch for the Southern Pacific company have appropriated the county road for several miles without providing the farmers with a good substitute. The former road, according to Ritchey, was comparatively level and in good shape, while the new road has steep grades and during the winter has been nearly impassable.

Want Better Game Laws.

Klamath Falls—The Klamath County Rod and Gun club has completed arrangements to send a delegate to Salem to assist in getting the legislation desired for the protection and perpetuation of the game and fish supply. It is the aim of the sportsmen of this county to have the limit on all birds lowered and also to fix the limit at two male deer in one season.

Chinnock's Successor Named.

Salem—Robert Eakin, Jr., son of Chief Justice Robert Eakin, of the Supreme bench of this state, has been appointed secretary of the water board of control to succeed James T. Chinnock, who was elected water commissioner in November and who has just assumed his duties.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, 83 @ 83 1/2 c; club, 81 @ 81 1/2 c; red Russian, 79 c; valley, 82 c; 40-fold, 82 @ 82 1/2 c.

Barley—Feed, 23 c per ton; brewing, 24 @ 25.

Millstuffs—Bran, 23.50 @ 24.50 per ton; middlings, 33 1/2; shorts, 25.50 @ 26.50; rolled barley, 25 @ 26.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, 19 @ 20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, 21 @ 22; alfalfa, 14; grain hay, 14.50 @ 15.50; clover, 13 @ 14.

Corn—Whole, 32 c; cracked, 33 c. Oats—No. 1 white, 28 c per ton.

Apples—Waxen, 50 c @ 1 per box; Baldwin, 75 c @ 1.25; Northern Spy, 60 c @ 1.25; Snow, 1.25; Red Cheek Pippin, 1.1 @ 1.25; Winter Banana, 1.75 @ 2; Spitzenberg, 1.25 @ 1.75; Yellow Newtown, 1.75.

Green Fruits—Pears, 1.25 @ 2 per box; grapes, 75 c @ 1; cranberries, 12 @ 12.50 per barrel.

Vegetables—Beans, 2 1/2 c per pound; cabbage, 1.25 @ 1.50 per hundred; cauliflower, 1 @ 1.50 per dozen; celery, California, 3.25 @ 3.50 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 1 @ 1.25 per box; peppers, 15 c per pound; pumpkins, 1 @ 1 1/2 c; squash, 1 @ 1 1/2 c; tomatoes, 1.75 per box; carrots, 1 @ 1.25 per hundred; parsnips, 1 @ 1.25; turnips, 1; beets, 1.25 @ 1.50.

Potatoes—Oregon, jobbing price, 1.25 @ 1.35 per hundred.

Onions—Buying prices, 1.40 per hundred.

Poultry—Live: Hens, 18 c; springs, 17 1/2 c; turkeys, 20 @ 21 c; ducks, 22 c; geese, 14 c. Dressed: Turkeys, choice, 25 c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 36 @ 37 c; Eastern, 28 @ 30 c.

Butter — City creamery, extras, 1 and 2 pound prints, in boxes, 35 c per pound; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork—Fancy, 11 @ 11 1/2 c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 13 @ 14 c per pound.

Cattle — Prime steers, 36.75 @ 7.50; good to choice 36 @ 6.50; fair to good, 35.25 @ 5.75; common, 34.50 @ 5.25; choice to prime cows, 35.50 @ 5.75; good to choice, 35 @ 5.50; fair to good, 34.50 @ 5; common to fair, 32 @ 4; good to choice heifers, 34.75 @ 5; fair to good, 34 @ 4.25; choice to good fat bulls, 34.25 @ 4.50; fair to good fat bulls, 33.50 @ 4; common bulls, 32.50 @ 3.25; good to choice light calves, 37 @ 7.50; fair to good, 36.50 @ 7; good to choice heavy calves, 35.25 @ 6; fair to good, 34.75 @ 5.25; common calves, 33.75 @ 4.75; good to choice stags, 34.50 @ 5; fair to good, 34 @ 4.50.

Hogs—Choice, 8.75 @ 9; good to choice, 8.50 @ 8.75.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, grain fed, 4.75 @ 5; old wethers, grain fed, 4.25 @ 4.50; choice ewes, grain fed, 3.75 @ 4.75; feeders, 2.25 @ 3; choice lambs, grain fed, 3.50 @ 4; good to choice, grain fed, 3 @ 6.50; poor lambs, 4.95 @ 5.

Hay fed sheep and lambs 5 c lower than grain fed.

WINTER HITS SOUTH.

Record Broken in Texas—Chicago Strikers Suffering.

Chicago—All doubts that winter of the old fashioned variety has settled down upon the country were dispelled Wednesday when dispatches from all points West and South told of temperatures near or below zero. In some instances cold is accompanied by fine snow frozen to the consistency and sharpness of glass, and which is drifting badly, driven by high winds.

In Chicago a new mark of four degrees above was reached, which means intensely cold weather because of the proximity of Lake Michigan, and the moisture, which penetrates the very marrow of one's bones.

Visitors from the extreme Northwest, British Columbia and the Upper Michigan peninsula, where 20 to 50 below zero is not uncommon, suffer intensely from the damp cold in Chicago.

All the city, county and private charitable institutions are crowded to the limit. The garment workers' strike has thrown 45,000 destitute persons upon the bounty of the city and county, and this additional load, with the already large number of helpless inhabitants, is taxing the resources of charitable bodies.

These thousands of dependent persons are too poorly clothed and nourished to take advantage of any other work that is offered them, so they constitute a constant drag upon the charitable institutions, and will continue so all winter. Work in comfortable factories at top wages is open to all the striking garment workers, but they prefer to remain dependent upon charity rather than surrender their "principles." The majority of them are not citizens of the country and have a very remote idea of what the row is all about, taking the word of inflammatory orators for it.

A feature of the present siege of cold weather is its penetration of the more or less sunny South. Dispatches from San Antonio, Tex., say all records have been broken there, and all over Southern Texas, where early crops of garden truck have been destroyed. Similar conditions are reported in New Orleans and vicinity. Texas reports two deaths from freezing and the destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of livestock.

Snow fell in Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and northern parts of Mississippi and Alabama.

WOMAN TELLS JAP WAR SECRET.

Letter Says Maps Made of Defenses on Pacific Coast.

Washington—Warning from a new and unexpected source of activities of the secret service agents of the Japanese military establishment was received in Washington Wednesday. From St. Joseph, Mo., there came to Speaker Cannon a letter which created surprise. The writer was a young woman, who, through acquaintance with a Japanese of standing, came into possession of embarrassing facts and who had been carrying her secret for a long time, but whose patriotism moved her to write to Mr. Cannon. In her letter, after telling who she is, which fact the Speaker gallantly concealed, and explaining that she is in love with the Japanese officer, she says:

"I have just found out my mission in this country. While reading a newspaper the other day he came across something about what they are discussing in the house of representatives and said, 'You have a fine lot of fools there.' I asked him what he meant and he said: 'They are as ignorant of what we are preparing to do'—then he caught himself, realizing that he was about to tell his secret."

"While he was away I searched his suitcase and found a secret pocket. In it there were diagrams of parts of the Pacific Coast. The weak points were marked by arrows. I kept out a very small diagram and have it still. It was some part of the coast of Washington state. He does not know that I have it, but I am expecting him to miss it any time, and ask me for it. Please accept this from a patriotic woman."

Rebels Capture Fruxillo.

New Orleans—A dispatch from Puerto Barrios under date of January 2 announces the capture of Fruxillo, Honduras, by the revolutionary gunboat Hornet. The garrison in Ruatan surrendered without firing a shot. The dispatch says: "After the Hornet left New Orleans, she picked up 100 men, 1,000 rifles, two machine guns and a large quantity of ammunition. The Hornet arrived in Laguna La Gracia December 28, proceeded to the island of Bonanca, established a base and then captured the bay islands."

Gallagher Not Crazy.

Jersey City — Allan McLane Hamilton, a member of the board of alienists commissioned to examine James J. Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor as the liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was about to sail for Europe last fall, declared his belief that Gallagher was perfectly sane and should stand trial. "Gallagher is the picture of health," said Hamilton. "He is as rational as anyone, although he tries hard all the time to appear crazy."

Roosevelt to Visit Coast.

Washington — It is announced that Colonel Roosevelt will visit Oregon during the coming spring and make one speech in the state, probably in Portland. Thirteen other states, among them Washington, California, Nevada, Idaho and Montana will be visited in Colonel Roosevelt's speech-making tour, which is expected to advance progressive Republicanism before the country, as he views it.

BIG TRUST SUED BY GOVERNMENT

Trans-Atlantic Steamer Line In Alleged Combination.

All Rivals Driven Off Sea or Into Combine—Ports May Be Closed to Ships.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Federal government brought suit today in the United States Circuit court under the Sherman anti-trust law against thirteen of the principal Trans-Atlantic carriers, which are estimated to control ninety per cent. of the steerage traffic, worth to them \$55,000,000 a year. Twelve officers of the defendant companies, all resident in America, are named as co-defendants.

These companies, the government charges, entered into an illegal contract February 5, 1900, at London, Eng., by which they constituted themselves the Atlantic conference, with power to apportion all traffic pro rata, impose heavy fines on members of the conference for violation of any article of agreement and wage competition against all lines outside the conference.

As a result, it is alleged, the Russian volunteer fleet, plying between New York and Libau, was driven out of business and the Russian-American line was forced to make terms with the conference and enter its membership.

Suit was brought by Henry A. Wise, United States district attorney, acting under instructions from Attorney General Wickersham.

In its petition the government prays the court to "enjoin the defendants from further agreeing, combining and conspiring to injure or destroy the business of any person or corporation engaged in the business of carrying steerage passengers between points in the United States and Europe."

"Further, that each, every and all the defendant steamship lines be forbidden either to enter or clear any of their vessels at or from the port of New York or any other port of entry in the United States, or any of its possessions, so long as they shall continue to operate under the aforesaid alleged unlawful combination or conspiracy."

SENATOR ELKINS DEAD.

Prominent Leader in Congress Passes After Long Illness.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, died at midnight last night. At his bedside were his wife, his daughter Katherine, and four sons, David, Richard, Stephen and Blaine, and the physicians.

Death was due to septicemia or blood poisoning. He was conscious until within half hour of death.

In the early evening there were persistent rumors in Washington that the Senator's condition had become grave, and fears were expressed that he might not live through the night. The Elkins family, however, were hopeful to the last and to the numerous inquirers who poured in at the Elkins home encouraging responses were given.

Though no funeral arrangements have been announced, it is probable that Mr. Elkins will be buried at Elkins, W. Va.

During the larger part of his service in the senate Mr. Elkins was chairman of the important committee on interstate commerce. As head of this committee he had charge of the Hepburn rate regulation bill of 1907 and of the administration bill of 1910. A railroad builder and owner himself, Mr. Elkins had an intimate knowledge of all questions affected by this legislation.

He was the outspoken champion of the bill of 1910 and, as such, fought for its passage night and day for months. Probably the longest speech ever delivered by the West Virginia senator was made in its support.

Shipwrecked Men Starve.

Valdez, Alaska—Marooned for 60 days on Sawmill and Galena bays, and subsisting for 30 days on an average of six small clams a day, Edward Meredith, of Port Angeles, Wash., and Frank C. Smith, of Spring Creek, Pa., were brought to Valdez in a pitiable condition. It will be weeks before they can leave the hospital. With provisions for 10 days they left Valdez November 1. Their power boat was frozen in at Jackson bay, but was freed again. For 18 days they subsisted on what food they could find.

Rebel Prisoners to Be Tried.

Parral, Mexico—Thirty-eight rebel prisoners, guarded by 60 soldiers, were taken from here to Chihuahua yesterday for trial. Two hundred soldiers sent into the mountains after rebels sent back five prisoners this week, and reported, according to the jefe politico, Rodolfo Valles, that "the insurgents are racing madly for the state of Sonora, with troops in hot pursuit." Fifty men are stationed on top of hills overlooking this city.

Strain Proves Too Much.

Los Angeles—Professor Lucien Larkin, the astronomer in charge of Mount Lowe observatory, has suffered a mental breakdown and has been placed in a private sanitarium. Rev. A. B. Larkin, his son, attributes the scientists' condition to overwork and entertains hope of his recovery.