

NEWS OF THE WEEK

General Resume of Important Events Throughout the World.

Wilson announces that no compromise on the tariff is possible.

Secretary Lane commits himself to Federal ownership of Alaskan railways.

All movements of American troops and warships are to cease while the Japanese controversy is on.

Companies writing tornado insurance in Omaha have been rushed with business since the recent disastrous storms.

The threat that any wage reductions will be rigidly investigated by the government caused a warm debate in the house.

A tank containing 500 barrels of gasoline exploded at Richmond, Cal., breaking many windows and causing much alarm for a time.

All French army proposals carried in the chamber of deputies, and all men whose terms have expired are being retained in the service.

Walter H. Page, newly appointed ambassador to England, is being opposed by 50,000 trade unionists in London, as being a bitter enemy to labor.

William J. Calhoun, retiring minister to China, says he fears the Chinese will take the whiskey to replace opium, which is prohibited by the new government.

Conferences of labor officials with the officers of the San Francisco Gas & Electric company were without result, and the strike against the company in that city is still on.

Canada claims \$500,000 from the United States on account of lumber stolen from Canadian forests having been used by the contractor in building army barracks in this country.

Japanese radicals are much aroused over the prospects that Governor Johnson will sign the anti-alien land bill, but the more conservative element believes the question may be settled amicably and honorably.

A 4-year-old girl at St. Joseph, Mo., threw herself flat on the track and lay still when she saw a freight train approaching so fast she could not get out of the way. The engine and 12 cars passed over her, but she received only a slight scalp wound.

Oregon naval reserves destroyed the target in practice at Fort Canby.

A submarine collided with a small steamer at Norfolk, Va., sinking the latter.

More than 500 Huerta troops were left dead on the field after the battle at Guaymas.

Discovery of ancient manuscripts in Egypt gives additional light on doings of Bible days.

Taft refers to the Progressive recall plan as a "hair-trigger" reform leading to anarchy.

President Farrell, of the United States Steel corporation, says the association was not organized to control local trade, but to develop foreign business.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; bluestem, 98¢@99c; forty-fold, 92c; red Russian, 87¢@88c; valley, 90c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.32 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$28.50; cracked, \$29.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$24.25 per ton; shorts, \$26.27 per ton; middlings, \$31 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$26.50@27 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$27.50@28.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$17@18; alfalfa, \$13@14; straw, \$6@7.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75¢ per dozen; asparagus, Oregon, 75¢@81¢ per dozen; beans, 12¢@15¢ per pound; cabbage, 2¢@3¢; cauliflower, 35¢@41¢ per dozen; celery, \$4 per crate; eggplant, 25¢ per pound; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; peppers, 35¢@40¢ per pound; radishes, 10¢@12¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 1¢@2¢ per pound; spinach, 75¢ per box; turnips, 35¢ per sack; parsnips, 85¢; carrots, 85¢.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 per sack; Bermuda, \$1.50@2.25 per crate.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 40¢@50¢ per hundred; new, 3¢ per pound; sweet, 4¢ per pound.

Poultry—Hens, 16¢; broilers, 25¢@30¢; turkeys, live, 19¢@20¢; dressed, choice, 25¢; ducks, 17¢@25¢; geese, young, 15¢@17¢.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 18¢ per dozen; candied, 19¢@20¢.

Butter—City creamery butter cubes, 28¢ per pound; prints, 29¢@29½¢ per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 11¢@12¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14¢@14½¢ per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 10¢@15¢ per pound; 1913 contracts, 13¢@14¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 10¢@16¢; valley, 14¢@17¢; mohair, 1913 clip, 30¢@33¢ per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$8.50@9.25; good, \$7.75@8.25; medium, \$7.25@7.75; choice cows, \$7.75@8.25; good calves, \$6.50@7.50; medium, \$6.50@7.50; choice calves, \$8.50@9.25; good heavy calves, \$6.50@7.50; bulls, \$5.85@6.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.50@8.65; heavy, \$7.45@7.55.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$6.25@7.50; ewes, \$5.25@6.75; lambs, \$7@8.

MAKE NO SUSPICIOUS MOVES

Troops and Warships Quiet While Jap Question is Pending.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has determined that no warships or troops shall be moved, or anything resembling a military or naval demonstration carried on by the United States while diplomatic negotiations with Japan over the California alien land legislation are in progress, so that no alarming interpretation can be placed on even the ordinary maneuvers of the army and navy.

The rumor which called for the White House statement probably began its rounds when the War department recently made public orders to three officers and two companies of Coast Artillery to sail from San Francisco for Honolulu about May 24. These orders, it was explained, were in conformity with the program for the creation of a permanent and sufficient garrison in Hawaii, outlined in the last annual report of the Secretary of War, and merely carried out plans of long standing.

Further representations from the Japanese government in support of its protest against the California land legislation were forecast when Viscount Chinda, after being informally notified of Governor Johnson's intention to sign the alien land bill, called twice at the State department to inquire when the governor probably would act.

DO NOT WANT EUROPEANS

Southwest Washington Man Gives Note of Warning.

Aberdeen, Wash.—"The Panama canal, which appears to be the greatest blessing to the Pacific Coast, may become our greatest curse, if steps are not taken to ward off immigration of the scum of Southern Europe once the canal is opened. I consider that we are facing our greatest crisis. We will be feeding these people from soup kitchens and paying for the soup, if something is not done. The solution, if it is not too late, is to attract the sturdy men and women, home-builders, from the northern countries and fill our lands with them."

This is the view taken by President L. H. Brewer, of the Southwest Washington Development association.

PRESIDENT FOR FREE WOOL

"Not Looking for Or Accepting Compromises," Says Wilson.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson came out strongly as the champion of free wool and free sugar in three years, as provided for in the tariff bill recently passed by the house.

He announced emphatically that he was not considering compromises of any sort; that he stood squarely behind the measure as it passed the house and he regarded it as the duty of the Democratic majority in the senate to fulfill its platform pledge by enacting the house bill into law.

"I am not the kind," said the President, "that considers compromises when I once take my position. I have taken my stand with the house leaders for the present bill. Enough said. I am not looking for or accepting compromises."

Lane for Federal Railways.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Lane, of the Interior department, placed himself on record as favoring a railway system in Alaska constructed, owned and operated by the government.

"Government ownership of railroads in Alaska," he said, "seems to me to be the one policy that most certainly will make for her lasting welfare."

The secretary expressed his views in a letter responding to inquiries from Senator Pittman, chairman of the committee on territories, which now has under consideration bills providing for the construction by the National government of a railway system in Alaska.

Mrs. Wilson Sees Slums.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson went "slumming" Saturday afternoon with a party of local social workers and visited "Goat alley," "Snow court," "Ragland alley" and other squalid spots at the capital. Because of lack of ostentation which attends all Mrs. Wilson's doings it did not become known until later, when members of the party let out the secret. The President's wife entered several tenements and talked with mothers and children who had no idea of the identity of their guests.

Seattle Folk Indignant.

Seattle, Wash.—Expressing indignation at the news that the historic battleship Oregon is officially doomed to be used as a target by the Navy department, instead of being honored as the first vessel to pass through the Panama canal, members of the Seattle Women's Commercial club took up the protest already started in Portland and adopted resolutions urging that the famous battleship be preserved by the nation.

Wire Connection Ordered.

La Crosse, Wis.—In what is said to be the first decision of its kind, the Wisconsin Railway commission has ordered a physical connection made between the local lines of the La Crosse Telephone company, an independent concern, and the toll lines of the Wisconsin Telephone company and the American Telephone & Telegraph company. The ruling will give subscribers on independent companies benefit of all the Bell toll lines.

OREGON STATE NEWS IN GENERAL

Industrial and Educational Items of Interest To Oregonians

ROAD FUND IS GETTING LOW

Work of Convicts on Columbia Auto Highway Nears End.

Hood River—The fund of \$10,000 donated for the Columbia River automobile road by S. Benson, the Portland lumberman who passed the winter in Southern California, has been depleted, according to County Judge George R. Castner. However, the work, done by state convicts, who began their task May 23, 1912, is almost completed. Governor West went from Salem to Wyeth, the nearest station on the line of the O.-W. R. & N. company, to inspect the work and to confer with Adam Shogren, who is in charge of the crew of convicts.

Up to the present time no agreement had ever been reached between the county officials and the railroad company. However, because of the contract that was signed recently between the railway authorities and the Multnomah county officials, the local commissioners think that they will soon come to an agreement with the railroad company.

Local citizens are urging that the Columbia River road be made to extend east from this city up the Columbia gorge to Mosier and thence on to The Dalles. At the present time a road crosses the range of hills separating the Mosier district from Hood River. The grades on this stretch are difficult.

County Roadmaster Marshall recently inspected the route up the side of the gorge, which he believes is feasible, but he declares the time for building it has not arrived.

O.-W. R. & N. ORDERS SURVEY

Condon-Fossil and Ukiah-Pilot Rock Routes Considered.

Surveys for two proposed rail lines, one from Condon, Gilliam county, to Fossil, Wheeler county, and the other from Pilot Rock, Umatilla county, to Ukiah, in the same county, have been ordered by the O.-W. R. & N. company, and crews will start to work on each project at once.

These surveys are to determine the cost of the work and upon the reports of the engineers will rest the probability of the eventual construction of either road. It is understood, however, that if the expense will not be too great both lines will be built.

"We don't know whether we ever will build either road," said J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O.-W. R. & N. company. "We have these two projects in mind as among the most important in the development of Oregon, and if conditions justify we will authorize early construction work."

Curry County Is Progressing.

Gold Beach—The Brookings Lumber & Timber company, a Missouri corporation which is developing the large timber interests of Southern Curry county, has filed a mortgage with the county clerk here to secure a bond issue of \$850,000. The St. Louis Union Trust company, of St. Louis, Mo., is the trustee which is handling the bond issue.

The company is incorporated for \$1,500,000, and will spend over \$1,000,000 in building mill and other improvements in Southern Curry county, before they begin cutting lumber for the market. This is the beginning of an epoch of development for Oregon's backward county, yet in natural resources one of its richest.

Superintendent Ward stated that he hoped to have the plat of the new town of Brookings ready to file at the July term of the County court. Work is progressing rapidly on the logging road, millpond and wharf.

Garden Prize Offered.

The O.-W. R. & N. company will award a sterling silver cup to the school making the best score of points in its garden contest, gardens to be judged on the following basis: Largest average size vegetables, 20; largest variety, 20; quality, 20; quantity, 20; general character, 10; best story of how the garden was planted and results secured, 10. This prize is an open competition to all of the 28 schools having community gardens, without regard to size. This is the first new prize offered this season.

High Court to Organize.

Salem—The Supreme court, with its new members, Charles McNary, of this city, and William Ramsey, of McMinnville, will be organized the afternoon of June 7. The court will be divided into two departments, Chief Justice McBride presiding over both. The departments will alternate weekly in hearing arguments and rendering decisions.

Storage Plant Planned.

Medford—At a meeting of the members of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association Saturday it was decided to build a cold and dry storage plant, to be available for the 1913 fruit crop. Twenty thousand dollars had been raised by the sale of first mortgage bonds, and it is planned to raise \$20,000 more by subscription.

Fish Oil to Be Manufactured.

Oregon City—The Columbia Fish Oil and Fertilizer company, of which H. W. Plach, of this city, is one of the principal stockholders, has been organized and is building a fish oil plant in this city.

BEAUTIFY RURAL CENTERS

Cross-Roads and School Grounds to Be Made Attractive.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—A movement to assist in the beautification of Oregon school grounds, county buildings, cross-roads meeting places, and all places of public gathering by the planting of judiciously chosen shrubs and vines has been begun by the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college through A. L. Peck, professor of landscape gardening.

Already Prof. Peck has given his services, with much time and thought, to assisting in the solution of problems of the school grounds at Lakeview, Independence and elsewhere, helping with the planning and planting of the grounds about the Monmouth Normal where a large amount of work has been done. He took the teachers and children of the Monmouth public schools into the woods and fields to collect suitable native plants for the decoration of the school grounds.

"If people would only come to realize that it is not necessary to pay a fancy price in order to have beautiful shrubbery and vines," exclaimed Prof. Peck in discussing the work. "The Oregon grape is as handsome a shrub as one could wish. A man in California paid \$3 apiece for what we can have for the digging any day. Then there is the waxberry bush, the vine maple, red flowering currant, mountain spray and the sweet brier rose. For heavy massing there is the red-bark dogwood, and a number of other fine native bushes."

Recently Prof. Peck gave a talk at the East Portland library on "The General Landscape Treatment of the Modest City Lot." Whenever his college duties will permit, he is always glad to give his personal services, free of charge, for advice and assistance in planning the plantings for school grounds, property about country buildings, vacant city property, and especially the little cross-roads meeting places where there are, perhaps, a general store, a church, a Grange hall and carriage sheds.

"With foresight and an eye to beauty, such community centers may become very attractive," said Mr. Peck. "There should be a good place for games at these points, where the young men, instead of sitting on the store platforms smoking and chewing tobacco, may get together in the evening and pitch quoits, jump, run races and use simple gymnasium paraphernalia, such as the traveling rings and the horizontal bars. It would not only furnish fun; it would build them up bodily, mentally and morally. Something of the improvement probably would be carried home to the farm grounds, as well."

CHEAPER WATER FOR VALLEY

Santiam Company Hopes to Give Supply Within Year.

Salem—I. D. Turner, one of the incorporators of the Santiam Water company, announced that rights of way for the pipeline had been obtained one-third of the distance, and that the County court would be asked to grant a franchise along county roads for the remainder of the proposed route. He said that W. E. Pierce, of Boise, and Charles Theis, of Spokane, had agreed to provide \$300,000 for use in giving Salem, Stayton, Turner, Aumsville and Sublimity a pure water supply. They will be the principal stockholders of the company.

"We expect to have our plant in operation within a year," said Mr. Turner. "We own 100 acres on the hills three and one-half miles from Salem, where a reservoir will be built. The power will be sufficient to force water over Salem Heights. We propose to give the people water for half of what they are now paying, or, if the city wishes to have charge of the water business, we shall furnish it an adequate supply."

Rural Sidewalks Built.

Orengo—The committee building sidewalks into the surrounding country held a special meeting and found that they have raised enough funds to build more than three miles. Sidewalks will be built to Quatana, for the convenience of the school children; to Orengo Acres, and to the poultry ranches northwest of town; to Borwick Acres, and also to the small fruit and poultry tracts west of town. These funds are being raised jointly by the citizens of Orengo and the farmers. Five miles will be built now.

Lane County Aids Fairs.

Eugene—For the purpose of aiding fairs and agricultural shows in Lane county, the county court has appropriated \$2500. Of the total appropriated, \$1750 is for the Lane county fair, to be held at Eugene, and \$250 is given to each, the Junction City Pumpkin show, the Cottage Grove fair, and the Lane County Poultry show, which is to be held in Eugene late in the year.

Lane to Improve Roads.

Eugene—Bids for the construction of nearly eight miles of permanent macadam road will be called for by the County court immediately, and it is intended that the work shall be done this summer. The work includes five sections of road, and in every case the macadamized road is to connect with other macadam roads or streets.

LEATHER FILLED WITH SALTS

Department Says 12,000,000 Pounds of Adulterants Used Yearly.

Washington, D. C.—Americans, with the possible exception of the barefoot boy, are walking around on not less than 12,000,000 pounds of glucose and Epsom salts, which constitute adulterants in sole leather. The assertion is made by the department of Agriculture, which has just concluded investigations of the leather industry, and has issued a bulletin entitled, "The Composition of Some Sole Leathers." The adulterants add nothing to the wearing value of the leather, says the department, and where present in large quantities may shorten the life of the leather.

"Sixty-three per cent of the leathers examined were weighted with glucose, with Epsom salts, or with both," according to the findings of the department's experts. "The quantity of loading varied from 1 to 7.3 per cent of Epsom salts, with an average of 3 per cent. The maximum quantity of glucose in the loaded leathers was 10.4 per cent, and the average 5.5 per cent. The maximum amount of these loading materials found in any leather was 16 per cent and the average where both were present was 8 per cent. The results obtained indicate that not less than 12,000,000 pounds of glucose and Epsom salts are sold annually to the American people as leather."

The "loading" is done to increase the marketable weight of the leather.

NAVY SECRETS ARE STOLEN

Not Especially Valuable, But Serious Leak Is Indicated.

Washington, D. C.—Special agents of the department of Justice, officers of a nationally-known detective agency and the local police have been called in by the Navy department to investigate a "leak" through which, during the last four months, several relatively unimportant plans of battleships and also minor documents have disappeared.

The first losses were discovered the night of March 4. Some minor structural plans of the dreadnaught Pennsylvania, now building, and other ships were among them. Documents not especially secret also disappeared. Navy officials say they are not so much concerned over the importance of what already has been lost as they are to find the leak and prevent further losses. Each battleship has several sets of plans, which are sometimes widely distributed among the bureaus and contractors. The general plan is never much of a secret.

GREEKS EXPEL MISSIONARY

Relief of Distress Causes Suspicion of Americans.

Boston—The Board of Commissioners for foreign missions has received a cable dispatch from the United States consul at Saloniki saying the American missionaries, Rev. P. B. Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy, have been expelled from their station in Korchia, Southern Albania, by Greeks and now are in Saloniki.

Secretary Barton, of the board, said Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were sent to Korchia six years ago and have been conducting a school for Albanian girls there. They were in the city when the Greeks took possession.

"Mr. Kennedy," Mr. Barton added, "has given himself fully to the work of relieving the great distress prevailing in the city and in the neighboring villages. In the last letters received from him he reported that apparently the Greek officials were suspicious of this, as a guard was placed in front of his house and the names of all those who came to the house were kept."

Beef at New High Record.

Portland—Following the sharp advance in cattle prices at the stockyards, packers have announced an advance in the wholesale price of dressed beef to 14½ cents a pound. This is the highest price ever quoted to butchers here. It is possible that prices will advance still further before the supply of grass cattle is sufficient to check the rise. The wholesale price of dressed pork has not been changed, but hams are half a cent higher, and bacon has advanced a full cent, as it usually does at the opening of summer.

Powers Occupy Scutari.

London—An international naval force has occupied Scutari and the Montenegrins have already begun the evacuation of the town. Official figures of the Bulgarian losses in the war, published at Sofia recently, give the following estimate: Killed, 330 officers and 29,711 men; wounded, 950 officers and 52,550 men; missing, 3193. A conference of the Austrian and Hungarian ministers will be held to arrange for further demobilization.

"Bad" News Is Set Aside.

St. Paul—"Never read bad news before breakfast," remarked J. D. Haley, an insurance agent, at an early hour one morning, after he had been called from his bed to receipt for a cablegram. He left the unwelcome message unopened and returned to bed. When he read the cable after breakfast he discovered that a fortune of \$100,000 had been left him by the will of a relative in London.

Butter Record is Broken.

Utica, N. Y.—It is announced that Spring Farm Pontiac Lass, a cow owned by F. M. Jones, of Clinton, has broken the world's butter record. The previous record was a fraction over 288 pounds in 60 days, and the world-beating cow has exceeded this by 20 pounds, giving 308.877 pounds.

WARSHIPS PREPARE

Atlantic Fleet Stripped of All But Fighting Equipment.

Old Vessels Repaired—Full Supply of Stores and Ammunition Hurried on Board.

Philadelphia—All the battleships of the Atlantic reserve fleet at the Philadelphia navy yard are being prepared for instant service, some of them for the first time since the Spanish-American war. The work is being done quietly, and officers of the yard deny they are taking any unusual action, but visitors to the yard note on every hand activities in the marine barracks and on the battleships and cruisers.

Seamen ashore said unusual preparations were being made. The ships are being stripped of all unnecessary equipment and much of the apparatus that is usually carried for the comfort and recreation of the bluejackets and officers.

Most significant is the fact that several of the older vessels, including the old cruiser Minneapolis and the battleships Ohio and Alabama, that have not been in service for years, are being overhauled, repaired and outfitted for sea, and sea stores and ammunition are being taken aboard. These are not always kept on the vessels, but during the last few days have been taken on. An ammunition lighter lay near the Massachusetts during the night. Other ships, said the sailors, are in the course of preparation for sailing at the shortest notice.

JAPANESE HOUSE IS OF GLASS

Correspondent Says Foreign Ownership Is Barred in Nippon.

Berlin—The excitement of Japan over the California alien land ownership is well founded and comprehensive, according to an analysis of the American-Japanese situation sent by the Tokio correspondent of the Welt Korrespondenz Agency, printed in the semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The Japanese, however, said are scarcely in a position to place difficulties in the way of California's land plans.

The correspondent says the Japanese are living in a glass house because foreigners are now barred from owning land in Japan—a feature of the situation which has heretofore been left unnoticed in Germany. The writer expresses the opinion that Japan will favor keeping aloof from the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, which he regards as Japan's only weapon against the United States.

JAP SITUATION STILL TENSE

Imputation of Racial Inferiority Is Deeply Resented.

Washington, D. C.—Tension over the Japanese situation continues to excite attention in official and diplomatic quarters, but there were no specific developments at the White House, the State department or the Japanese embassy.

Nine of the 30 days Governor Johnson has under the California constitution to sign the alien land bill have elapsed, and the impression is beginning to gain ground here that the governor will avail himself of the full measure of time, even though he has declared his purpose to approve the Webb bill.

Secretary Bryan has not communicated with the governor since the receipt of his telegraphic message setting out his reasons for upholding the action of the legislature, but is simply waiting for the final act of signature before making reply to the Japanese note protesting against the legislation.

Tokio Still Shows Faith.

Tokio—Faith in the American people to see that justice is done the Japanese is the dominating note in the discussion of the California alien land ownership legislation. War talk is denounced as ridiculous and only calculated to embarrass the two governments, which are laboring for a peaceful settlement by diplomacy. It is conceded, however, that failure on the part of the Americans to respond to the Japanese appeal for a discontinuance of the alleged discrimination would lead to some estrangement.

Cruiser to Be Repaired.

Seattle, Wash.—The armored cruiser Colorado has arrived at the Puget Sound navy yard from San Francisco and will go into drydock immediately for a general overhauling. Repairs costing \$100,000 will be made to the warship. The armored cruiser Pittsburg, of the Pacific Reserve fleet, will not, as at first intended, take the Colorado's place on the active list, but will remain at the navy yard for further repairs.

Ocean Is Let Into Canal.

Panama—The waters of the Pacific ocean were let into the Panama canal Sunday. A giant blast of 32,750 pounds of dynamite was fired, demolishing the dike to the south of the Miraflores locks and allowing the water to flow into an extensive section, in which excavation practically has been completed.