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## WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings of the Past Week in Brief and Comprehensive Form.

G. F. Swift, president of the great beef packing firm, is dead.

German newspapers reply to Dewey by criticizing the American navy.

Eighteen Waterbury, Conn., strikers have been arrested for deadly assault.

Noah Raby, an inmate of the poorhouse of Middlesex county, New Jersey, is 131 years old. He was born at Easton, N. J., on April 1, 1772.

William Reilly, a patient in the Bellevue hospital, New York, has an incessant laughing spell, which has lasted five days, and the doctors cannot explain it.

When Mrs. S. L. McQuown left a bank at Marion, Ind., with \$600 she had just drawn the money was stolen from her pocketbook, which hung from her belt, by two men who had been waiting for her.

The title to some ancient Irish gold ornaments is being contested in the British courts between the crown and the trustees of the British museum. They were plowed up in the Northwest of Ireland in 1896, and were sold to the museum for 600 pounds.

Germans are angry at Dewey's criticism of their navy.

Senator Foster declares Pacific coast man should be selected for vice president.

Many people have lost their lives on account of the last break in the Mississippi levee.

The Cuban senate has ratified the reciprocity treaty on the promise of an extra session of congress.

Robbers dynamited the safe in the postoffice at Lake Mills, Winnebago county, Iowa, securing several hundred dollars.

At the invitation of the German government, a conference with the object of founding an international seismic association will be held at Strassburg from July 24 to July 28.

It is said that John W. Gates intends to retire permanently from active participation in the stock market, and that in the future he will devote much of his time as he will spare to business to those concerns in which he is heavily interested.

Privileges to construct a salt lake of 400 acres near Cape May for a seaside resort have been granted to a company, which proposes to fill 600 acres extending from Madison avenue, Cape May, to Sewell's point, and to construct an inlet to the ocean so that sea-going yachts may have entrance.

A new system of searching for mineral ores by the use of the telephone is being tried at the Telocaca lead mine, in North Wales.

James McNeill Whistler, the American artist, will receive the degree of doctor of laws at the forthcoming Glasgow university graduation ceremonies.

The Mills & Wright company, of Boston, one of the oldest printing and book houses in New England, has made an assignment. Liabilities \$91,279, with assets nominally the same.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt has visited Commissioner Strausburger, of New York, to whom he explained that most of his securities were invested in non-taxable properties not liable for personal assessment. He showed that he was liable for assessment on only \$190,000 but he agreed to an assessment on \$250,000.

Judge P. B. Wilfe, of the Seventh Iowa judicial district, has just rendered an important decision regarding the power of assessors to assess taxes on property in the hands of a trust company as trustee. The court holds such property is liable to assessment both for county and city taxes.

President Palma Sends Orders to Cuban Minister at Washington.

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Silver Bought for Philippines.

Washington, April 1.—The secretary of the treasury today purchased for account of the Philippine coinage 350,000 ounces of silver at an average of 49.8c an ounce. The silver is to be delivered in equal parts to the mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco.

Every Lutheran is to be asked to give one cent a day for a period of one year for a benevolence fund for all objects of the church. From the 250,000 Lutherans in the synod it is expected to raise nearly \$1,000,000.

A broken rail wrecked eastbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 2 at Lakin, Kan., every car except one leaving the track. Conductor Pond was injured badly, but the passengers escaped with a severe shaking up.

Ambassador Choate has informed the state department that a sanitary congress, which will consider matters of international importance, will be held at Bradford, England, from July 7 to 11, and United States representatives are invited.

### YAKIMA INDIAN LANDS.

Effort Being Made by Commissioner to Settle Long Standing Dispute.

Washington, April 1.—Representative Cushman has been advised by the commissioner of Indian affairs that steps are soon to be taken looking to negotiating a final agreement with the Indians of the Yakima reservation whereby they will surrender all claim to lands lying between the west boundary of their reservation and the crest of the Cascade mountains.

Ever since the treaty of 1855, defining the boundaries of the Yakima reservation, there has been a dispute as to the lands actually belonging to the Indians. In that treaty their reservation was to extend westward "to the crest of the Cascade mountains," but in the subsequent survey marking the boundaries of the reservation the west boundary line was laid off a considerable distance to the east of the mountains. The Indians have all along maintained that they were erroneously deprived of the intervening tracts, but no satisfactory agreement has ever been made with them. Only last year they refused an offer of \$175,000 for the lands, saying that was not a sufficient recompense for their loss.

Renewed efforts are to be made through a special agent of the department to procure a mutually satisfactory agreement this summer, and in that event congress at the next session will be asked to appropriate the amount called for in such agreement to quiet the Indians' claim. The department is thoroughly convinced that the equities of the case are with the Indians.

### TO SELL WRECK OF THE MAINE.

Cuban Harbor and Coast Will Be Cleared of Wrecked Battleships.

Washington, April 1.—The Cuban cabinet at a recent meeting decided to call for bids by advertisement, both in Havana and abroad, for the removal from Havana harbor of the wreck of the battleship Maine and the removal of the wrecks of the several Spanish war vessels lying on the southern coast of the island. Bids will also be invited for removing the wreck of the Merrimac from the entrance to Santiago harbor and the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII, which is grounded on the north coast, near Havana.

It is the expectation of the Cubans that a neat sum will be realized by the transaction, as bidders will not be paid for the work, but will be required to pay for the privilege, on condition that the recovered ships and material shall pass to them. There are a number of bidders awaiting the opportunity to submit proposals, among them C. F. W. Neely, notoriously associated with the Havana postoffice.

It is reported that the Spanish government seeks to recover some of the ships now lying on the southern coast, but all bids must be made by individuals or firms. Offers from the Spanish government will not be entertained.

### "THE GREATEST COUNTRY."

Czar's Tribute to United States in Discussing St. Louis Fair.

St. Petersburg, April 1.—The czar today received Thomas W. Cridler, the representative of the St. Louis exposition, at the imperial residence at the Tsarskoe Zelo and expressed his personal interest in, and sympathy with the objects of, the St. Louis exposition, the scope of which he discussed with Mr. Cridler for a considerable length of time. The czar referred to the friendship existing between Russia and the United States, and said he hoped to see that friendship more firmly cemented. He seemed much impressed by the magnitude of the exhibition plans and said he wished to congratulate America on its marvelous development, saying to Mr. Cridler: "You have the greatest country."

The czar promised to carefully examine a memorandum submitted to him by Mr. Cridler, showing the economic reasons for the participation of Russia in the exhibition.

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## NEWS OF OREGON

Items of General Interest Gathered From All Over the State.

### COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL DOINGS

Sheep Dying on Ranges—Contracting for 1903 Hops—Medford Creamery is About Ready to Start Up.

A creamery will be in operation at Medford in about 30 days. The plant will be capable of handling the milk of 300 cows.

Contracts for hops for the crop of 1903 are being made in the Willamette valley at from 15 to 16 cents, the former price being generally recognized as the prevailing figure.

Almonds are now in full bloom in the orchards of Josephine county, and if not nipped by frost the crop of these nuts will be large here this year. Peaches are also beginning to bloom.

A postoffice has been established at Lost Valley, Wheeler county, to be supplied by special service from Lone Rock. The postoffice at Thurston, Lane county, has been re-established.

Seventeen canneries and 10 cold storage plants at Astoria are making ready for the fishing season, which opens April 15. A heavier run than that of last year is anticipated on account of the returns from artificial propagation.

Architect W. H. Knighton has been appointed by the state board of asylum trustees to draw up plans and specifications for a modern horse and cow barn to replace the present dilapidated and unsanitary building, the cost of the new structure not to exceed \$10,000.

Governor Chamberlain has pardoned John Gates, who two years ago forged the name of H. W. Corbett to a check at Eugene. Gates had served half his three years' sentence. The pardon was granted upon the petition of a large number of prominent citizens of Marion county.

Hundreds of sheep are dying on the ranges in Grant and Harney counties for want of feed. The long, cold winter, together with the deep snow and scarcity of hay, is responsible for the heavy loss among the herds. Sheep owners are trying to move their flocks to better ranges, but the sheep are too weak to be moved.

Linn county real estate agents complain that most of the parties from the East who are seeking homes are accompanied by an Eastern "agent," who demands at least 50 per cent of the local agent's commission before the homeseekers are allowed to locate. If the Linn county people refuse to be led the agent moves his party on, looking for greener pastures.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 72c; blue-stem, 77c; valley, 77c.

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

Flour—Best grade, \$3.95@4.25; Graham, \$3.45@3.85.

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

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

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

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 50@60c per sack; ordinary, 40@50c per cental. Growers' prices: Merced sweets, \$2@2.25 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 12@13c; young, 11 1/2@12c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 15@16c; dressed, 18@20c; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$7@8.50.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16 1/2@17 1/2c; Young America, 17 1/2@18 1/2c; factory prices, 1@1 1/2c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32 1/2c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@22 1/2c; store, 15@18c.

Eggs—14@15c per dozen.

Hops—Choice, 21@23c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12 1/2@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 26@28c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3@3 1/2c per pound; steers, 4@4 1/2c; dressed, 7 1/2c.

Veal—7 1/2@8 1/2c.

Mutton—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7 1/2c.

Lamb—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7 1/2c.

Hogs—Gross, 6 1/2c per pound; dressed, 7@7 1/2c.

### Fatal Fire at Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 28.—Fire at the large greenhouse plant of Henry Smith, just west of this city, resulted in the loss of one life and \$35,000 damages to property today. The blaze started in the boiler room, presumably from the explosion of a lantern carried by one of the employees, who was afterward found dead. The flames spread to the boarding house where the employees lived, and then to the other buildings. Another employee was overcome by smoke and rescued with difficulty. He will recover.

### Great Northern Blocked.

Everett, Wash., March 26.—A report has reached here that a snowslide at Wellington yesterday buried an engine and caboose standing on the Great Northern track, and Conductor Walker and Fireman Duffy were caught in the slide, but were extricated. For the fourth time this winter bridge No. 399 on the Great Northern at Madison has been injured by snowslides. Yesterday's slide carried away the entire structure.

### ALASKA HAD GOOD CARE.

Northern Territory Got New Laws Which Will Bring Settlers.

Washington, March 31.—"Alaska has been bountifully taken care of in the past session of congress," said J. W. Ivey, who has been here all winter urging legislation of one sort or another for the big territory. "I find that very few states have secured as much in the way of local legislation, and few members can go home as contented as I will return to my people. We did not get everything we wanted, but we did get the most essential things, and I have no complaint to make. When I first came down here at the opening of the session, senators and representatives told me I might as well go home, that in the short session there would be no time for considering legislation. They advised me to come back next session, when there was more time. But I replied that we had been put off that way year after year, and did not intend to stand it any longer. So I camped down, and here I have been ever since.

"In my opinion, the most important legislation of the session was the Alaska homestead bill, permitting the entry of 320 acres of land, 160 of which may be commuted upon, and a like amount taken by scrip. The bill is not perfect, but it will do a great deal towards bringing in the class of permanent settlers that we so much need. Now that people can acquire title to the land, and can feel safe against encroachment, there will be a heavy immigration, and the fertile valleys will soon begin to fill with industrious, energetic people. When we get a larger population, as we are now sure to do, we will come back to congress and make known our other wants."

### STRONGHOLD IS TAKEN.

Crushing Defeat Inflicted on San Miguel and His Fort Captured.

Manila, March 31.—Two companies of Macabebes scouts signally defeated the main body of San Miguel's forces today. It is believed San Miguel was killed. Lieutenant Reese was seriously wounded. The scouts lost three men killed, and had 11 men wounded. The enemy occupied an entrenched position between Mariguina and Francisco del Norte, and had erected a stone fort, which was garrisoned by 200 men. Lieutenants Reese and Nickerson decided after an hour's fighting to surround the position and charge, after having divided their commands. The two officers then led a gallant and successful charge, during which Lieutenant Reese fell, seriously wounded. The enemy then broke and ran, leaving 45 men dead on the field, including a general officer, who is believed to be San Miguel, though his identification is incomplete. It is hoped this defeat will discourage disorder in Rizal province. The military authorities will direct the operations of the detachments which are pursuing the bandit bands. Additional troops are to be sent to Suriago later on.

### NORTHWEST AT THE CAPITAL.

Title of Tacoma Building Site Defective—Seattle-Tacoma Mails.

Washington, March 31.—The attorney general today reported that he had examined the title to the public building site at Spokane, designated for purchase early in the winter, and had found it clear. A check has been made out and sent the owners. There is faulty title to two lots included in the Tacoma site, the lots owned by Mrs. Walsh, and before that site can be acquired these two lots will have to be condemned, thereby insuring clear title. The title to the balance of the site is satisfactory.

Senator Foster today urged the postoffice department to increase the mail service between Seattle and Tacoma. He was told that, if the electric road would carry such mails as were offered it at a reasonable rate, the additional service would be established. All interurban mails are now carried by the Northern Pacific.

### Police Ordered to Fernie.

Victoria, B. C., March 31.—In view of the fact that trouble is expected at Fernie in the event of non-union men being imported by the Crow's Nest coal company, the British Columbia government has requested the Dominion government to send a detachment of Northwest mounted police to Fernie, the center of the strike, and a squad of 50 men has been ordered to proceed from Calgary. The coal company has given the men until today to decide whether they will return to work; failing a decision, outsiders will be brought in.

### Take Years to Recover.

San Francisco, March 31.—Louis Hirsch, of this city, whose coffee plantation in Guatemala was destroyed by the recent eruption of Santa Maria volcano, has just returned from an inspection of the devastated district. He says that the accounts of the cost to Guatemala of Santa Maria's outbreak were not exaggerated, and "it will take a couple of years and perhaps longer, for the coffee industry to recover from the blow."

### Rescued from the Flood.

Natchez, Miss., March 31.—The steamer St. John came up from below this morning with a full load of passengers and stock from the flooded district. The officers report a daring rescue of three men who were found adrift in Black river. One of the men was on a log and the other two in trees. They had been washed out by the crevasse at Bogers, and had been without food for three days.

## MAY GIVE IT UP

Efforts to Repair Break in Levee of Little Avall.

### GOVERNMENT FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED

Vast Areas Will Be Flooded and Immense Damage Done—A New Break Near Greenville—Others Likely.

New Orleans, April 1.—The carrying away of additional cribbing at the Hymelia crevasse early this morning brought the forces that have been at work there to the verge of abandonment of the attempt to close the break. Later in the day, however, it was agreed to continue the undertaking, though all hands are likely to be called off by the terrific current washes out the new lines of cribbing which were started from both ends of the levee late this afternoon. In no event can the work be completed inside of a week, and unless ample money is given, the next disaster to the cribbing is likely to mark the end of the struggle.

The levee board today let it be known that it was at the end of its resources, and that, unless the planters and railroads could assure subscriptions amounting to \$50,000, it would be compelled to throw up its hands. Doubtless double that amount will be required to complete the job.

By evening it was said the break was close to 700 feet wide, with the ends steadily melting away. Two ridges between which the levee caved have prevented the water from spreading rapidly above and below, but the mighty torrent is filling the lakes and bayous to the rear and in the next fortnight the whole basin from La Fourche to the lower limits of cultivated land in Plaquemines is likely to be under water, causing incalculable damage and much suffering.

The Texas & Pacific railroad is now hopelessly involved, with water running over its tracks and with little hope of an early resumption of traffic, if the crevasse is permitted to run until low water comes.

The Howell crevasse is beyond control, and this has suspended all traffic over the Napoleonville branch of the Southern Pacific.

The river remained stationary today in front of this city, marking 20.3 at nightfall. The rise yesterday, however, was .2 of a foot. An inspection of the local levees give no cause for apprehension as to their safety.

### THE HAGUE PROTOCOL.

Minister Bowen Will Urge Quick Action by Allied Powers.

Washington, April 1.—Minister Bowen hopes to begin work during the present week with the diplomatic representatives of the Venezuelan blockading powers on the protocol for sending to The Hague arbitration tribunal the question whether these nations shall have preferential treatment in the payment of claims of their citizens against Venezuela.

Mr. Bowen heretofore has submitted to the British ambassador the draft of a protocol for the purpose stated, a notable feature of which is that the Czar of Russia shall name the members of the court. It is known that the allies intend to offer some amendments to the draft prepared by Venezuela's representatives, but their nature has not been made known, although one of them is believed to be regarding the proposition relative to the Czar—as there is thought to be some objections on their part to that monarch assuming the function of naming the members of the court.

Mr. Bowen is anxious to have the work completed as soon as possible, and will urge this on the allies' representatives. According to the terms of the protocol of February 14, the first payment of the 30 per cent of the customs receipts of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello for the month of March are to be paid to the representative of the Bank of England at Caracas on April 1. This will form the nucleus of the fund which is to be paid the claims of the various nations that are to be adjudicated by the mixed commissions which are to sit at Caracas.

### NO BIBLE FOR FILIPINOS.

Catholic Priest Objects to Circulation of Hurried Translations.

New York, April 1.—Father O'Brien Pardon, preaching in St. Patrick's cathedral on "The Catholic Church and the Bible," attacked the distribution of Bibles in the Philippines.

"It is looked upon as a great boon to the Philippines," he said, "that after we have had them of Spain's rule of 'superstition,' we are going to give them 'the open Bible,' and are shipping carloads of these quickly thrown together translations. Every one knows that persons who have never had more than a year or two acquaintance with this almost unknown language are incapable of giving expression in it to God's word as it should be done. I suppose these Bibles will take along with them America's heirloom, the institution and increase of divorce, unknown as yet to these people."

### Japs and Mexicans United.

Los Angeles, March 28.—Los Angeles county council of adopted resolutions endorsing of the state organizer in unionizing of Japanese and laborers at Oxnard. The council passed a further resolution endorsing of unionizing of all unskilled and other alien laborers in Los Angeles. Local labor leaders state that first time a union labor organization in any way favored Asiatic labor.

### Turks Lost Fifteen Men.

Constantinople, April 1.—The engagement between Turkish troops and insurgents at Itebi, Macedonia, which was reported yesterday, and in which 18 insurgents are said to have been killed, is believed to have been the outcome of an intended attack on the Turkish military depots there. The Turks suffered 15 killed or wounded. It is believed the insurgents formed a part of the original Bulgarian band commanded by Sarafoff.

### San Francisco Sanitized.

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### RICH GOLD

Montana Collection Will Be Portland Expansion

Helena, Montana, March 28.—Conrad, of the banking firm of Conrad, who was named as one of the purchasers for Montana at the Clark exposition, in St. Louis, respectively, has made an interesting announcement—send what is supposed to be the best collection of gold and silver exhibition during the exposition. The exhibit is owned by the First National bank of Helena, and was formerly that of the collection was purchased several years ago, upon that that institution, and has added to.

The collection was gathered by Governor Hauser, when the First National bank, as a result of many years' effort, done in hundreds of claims in the state, the collection was as magnificent. Among the gems in the collection is one fine gulch, above Helena, which is the largest single nugget in the Northwest.

The present value of the about \$300,000 if melted into its natural state, as coming earth, it is worth more, as gems being worth several times weight value because of their formations.

It should prove one of the gems of the exposition. It will be guarded day and night from St. Louis and Portland.

### RECIPROCITY IDEA IS

Other Treaties Will Share

Washington, March 28.—President Roosevelt's announcement in the January issue regarding the failure of reciprocity treaty with the U. S. is but a forerunner of what is expected in the case of all other similar character which have been acted upon by the United States. It was evident from that body that the members of the reciprocity treaty were sent to it by the president's efforts along that line abandoned by the administration.

The rejected treaties, and that with the French republic, it is authoritatively stated, submitted to the senate next, and, because of the senate, the president is making the formation of new treaties. Sugar formed an important reciprocal exchange in South America, noticeably those in the Indies, and so far as the report is concerned the administration is estopped from agreeing to a reduction of duty by reason of the Cuban reciprocity agreement specifically provides that no such reduction by any country other than the United States as by treaty on condition the Cuban treaty is in force at the rate of duty than is imposed by law.

### RIVER IS STATIONARY

Swift Current and Favorable

New Orleans, March 28.—The river practically stationary today, there has been little change in the flood conditions. The speed at which the current and favorable winds have strained the rising tendency of the river is being kept on the levee from Red River to the Gulf of Mexico.

Members of the state board of levees are at various points in Mississippi, the Red River, Fouchiere. On the latter are now three crevasses, not immediately within the structure temporary embankment damage will be done to the industry by the present flood.

### To Pay Honolulu Plague

Washington, March 28.—Lennon, chief of the war department, started for Honolulu, charged with duty of disbursing the appropriated by congress to the judgments rendered on the destruction of property in suppressing the bubonic plague in the years 1899 and 1900. The same act to issue bonds to the amount of \$500,000 in amount, to paying its share of the judgment.

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